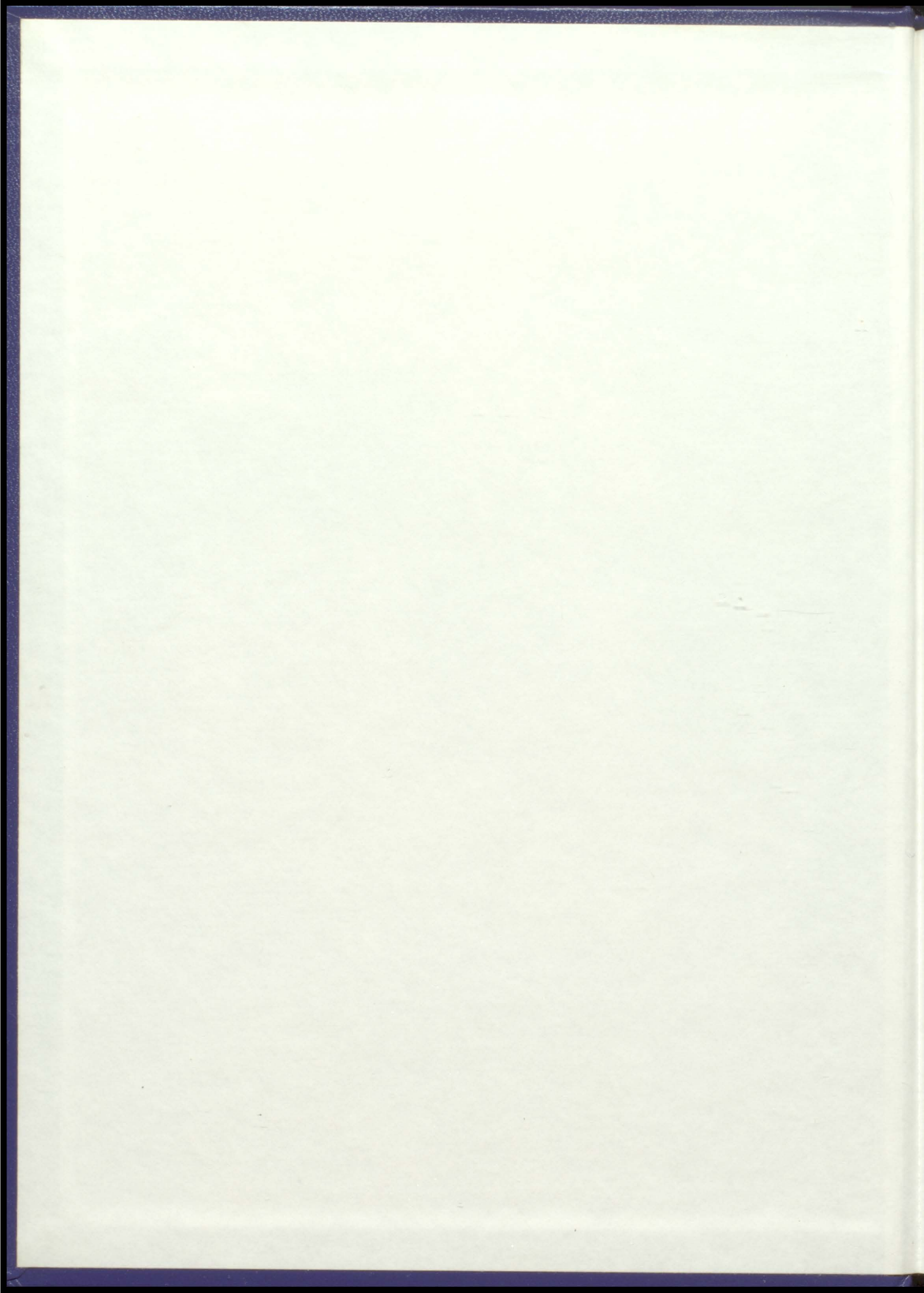


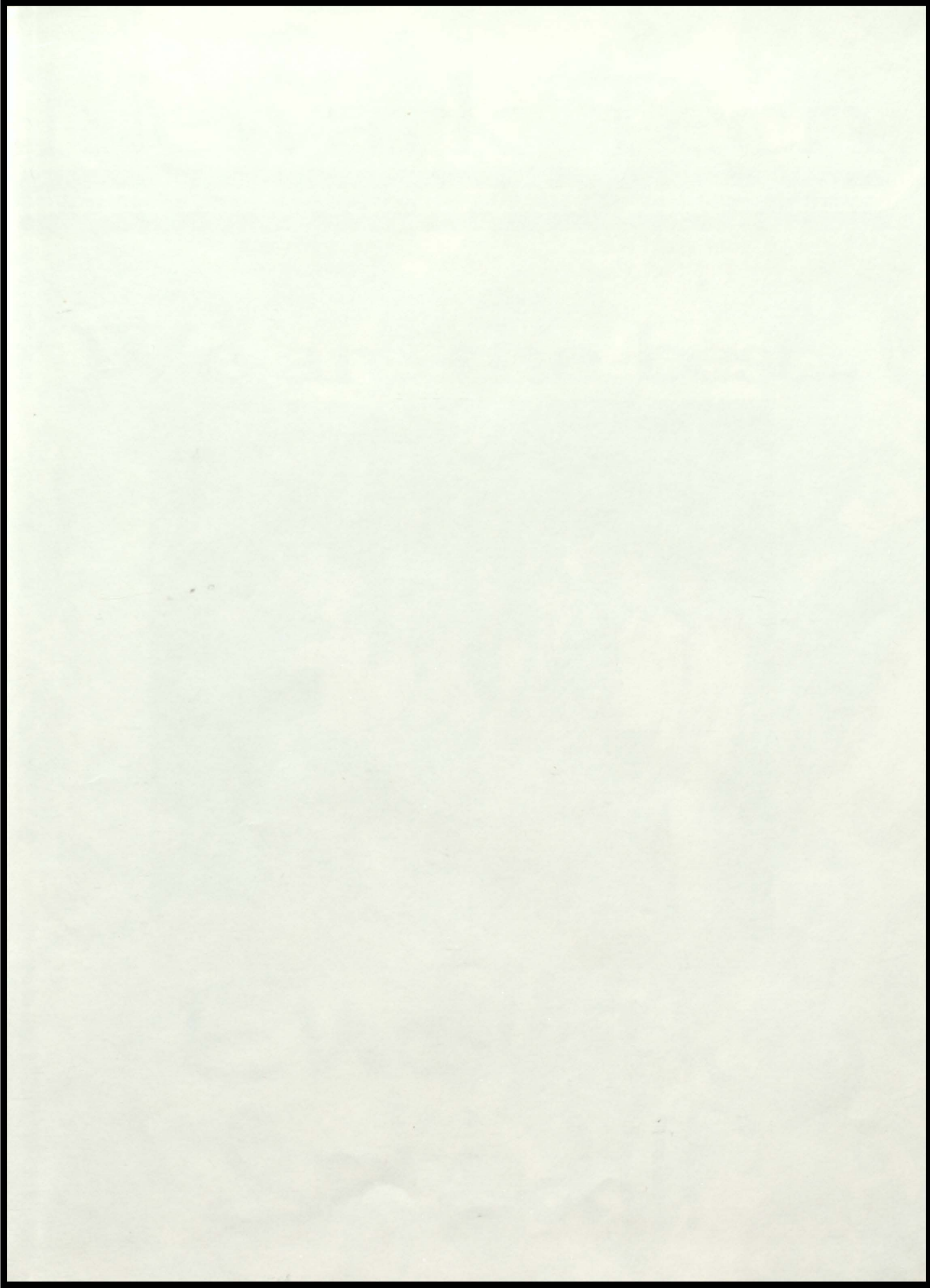
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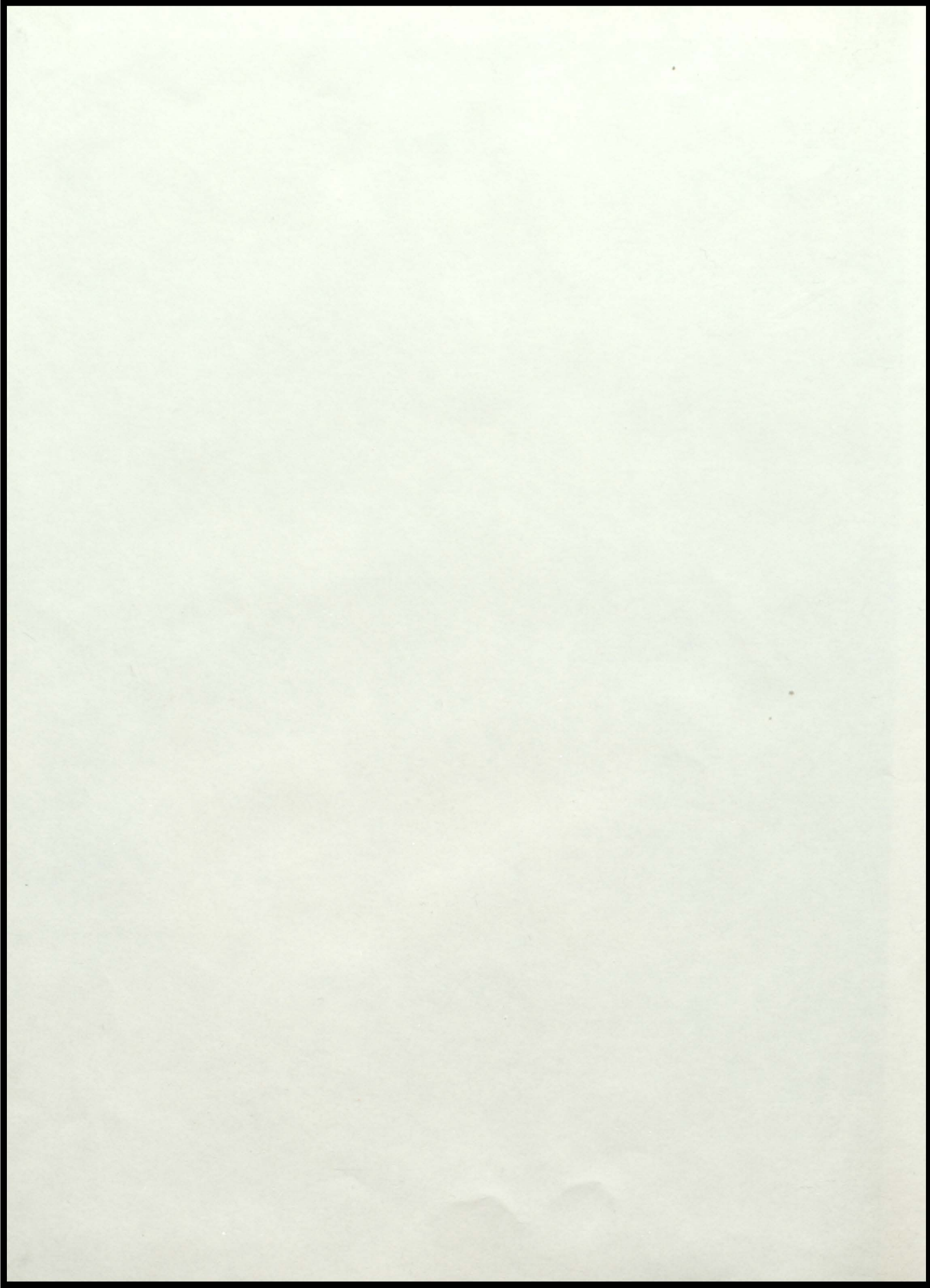


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## We are the best...



## Enough Said!!!



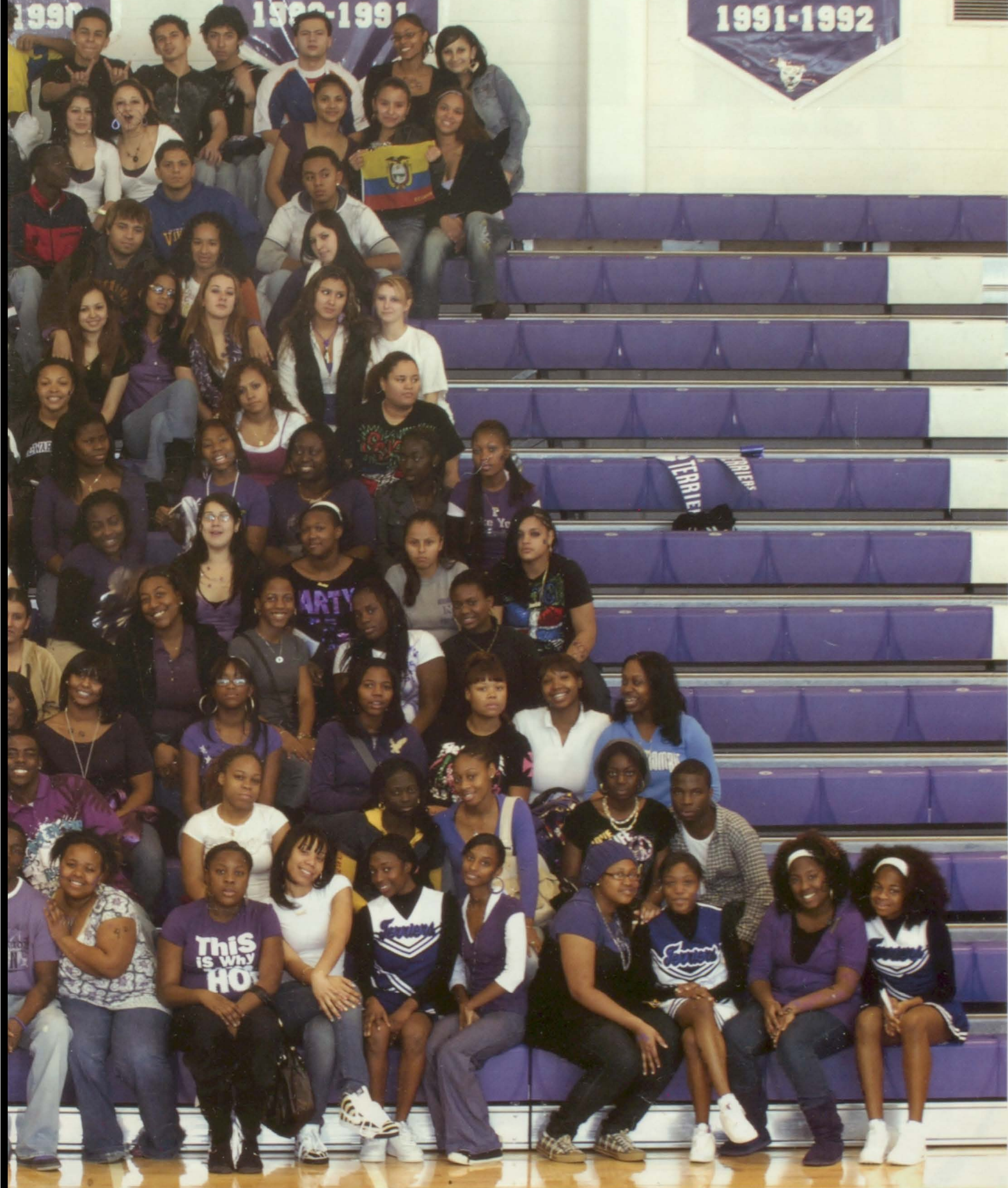




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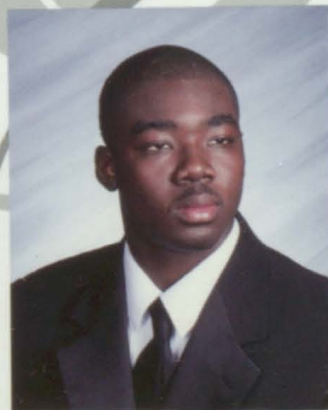
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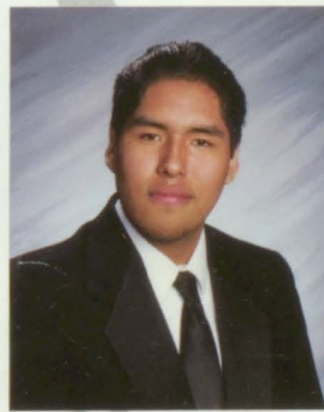
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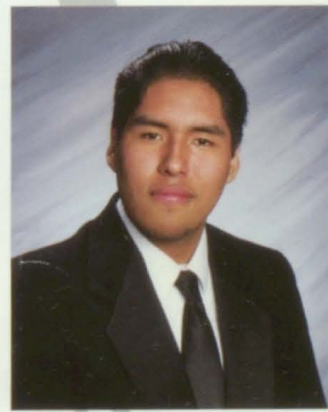
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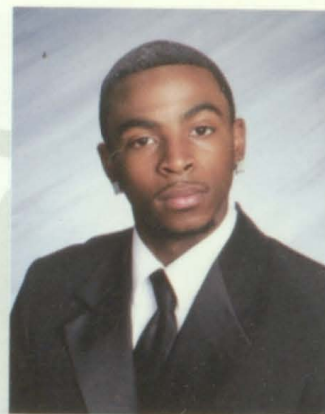




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# Message to the Class of 2008



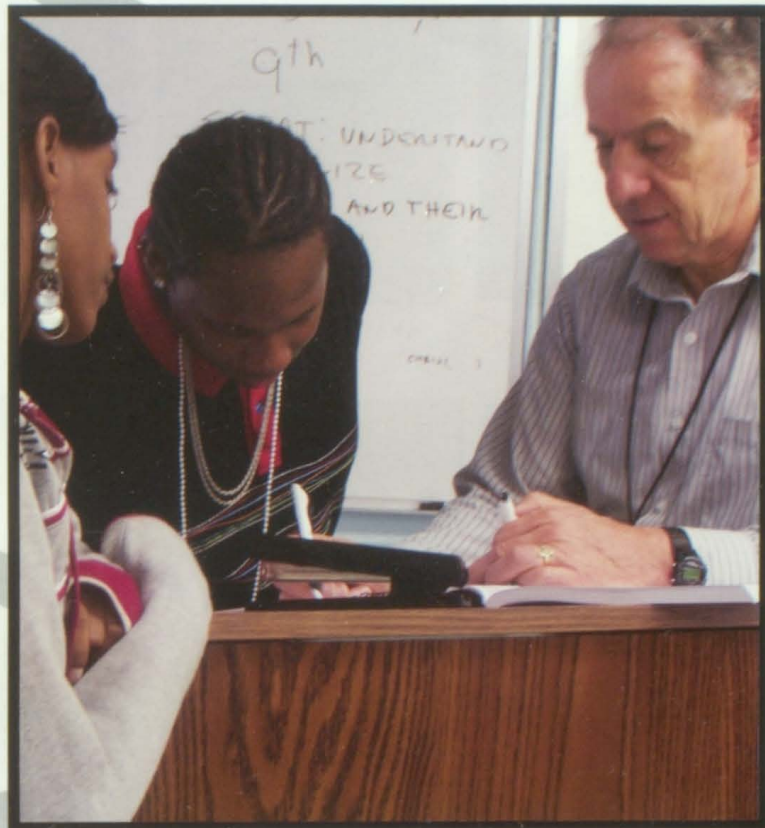
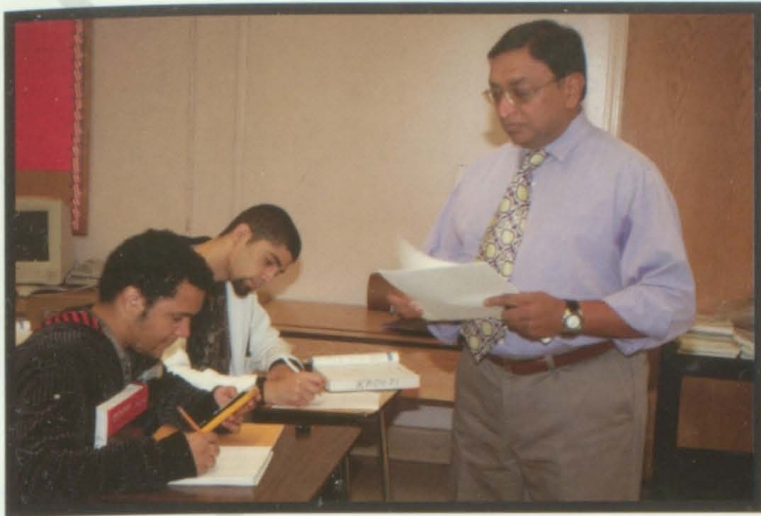
Mr. Kafele  
Principal

To the class of '08-CONGRATULATIONS! I am most proud of your individual and collective accomplishments. As your principal, you have made me very proud. I can remember my first year as principal of Newark Tech when you were sophomores, and watching you grow into the young adults that you are now. Now you are moving on to the next level. Most of you will be going to college, and some of you will be going to the world of work while others will go on to trade schools and the military.

All of you possess enormous talent with limitless possibilities. The sky is the limit. I expect for each of you to soar. Remember that your attitude determines your altitude. Your attitude will determine how high you soar. It is my hope that you will tap into all the talents that lie within each of you. You are most brilliant and most highly capable. You can accomplish anything in life that you desire, if you truly desire it. Coupled with your positive attitudes, you must also put forth the time, energy and effort. In other words, you must make a commitment to your success and make the required sacrifices. Lastly, you must have a goal and a plan of action, coupled with a vision for your success. Be sure to write your plan and adhere to it on a daily basis. Assuming that you do, victory will be yours!

Again, congratulations to the class of '08 and be sure to stay connected to your alma mater.





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Vice Principal



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Vice Principal

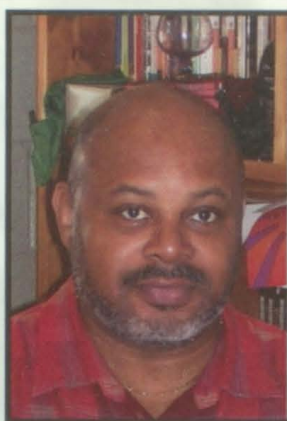




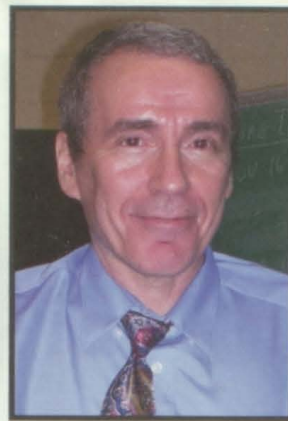
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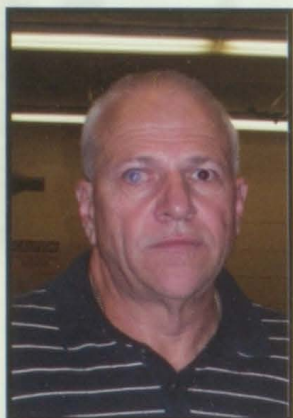
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Mr. Barker



Mr. Benton



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Ms. Bright



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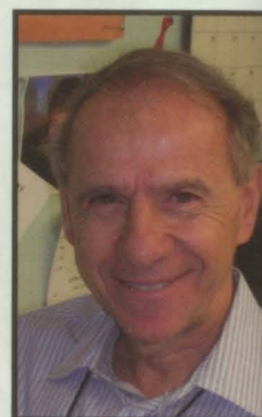
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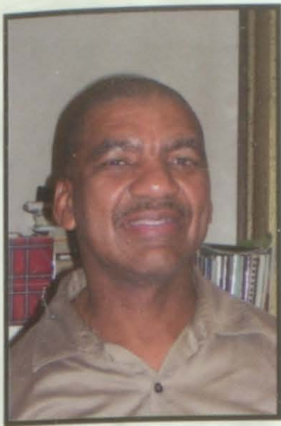


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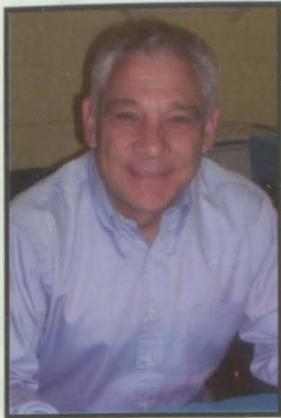
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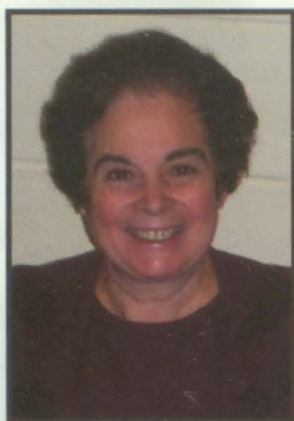




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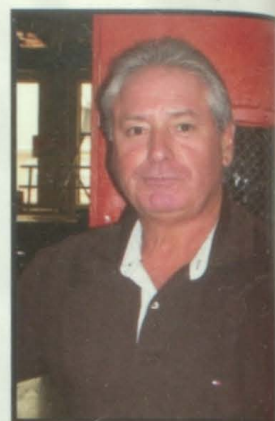
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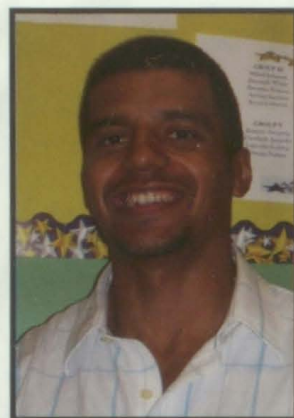
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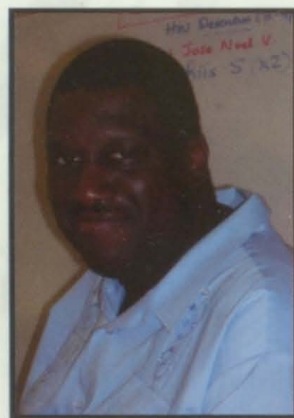
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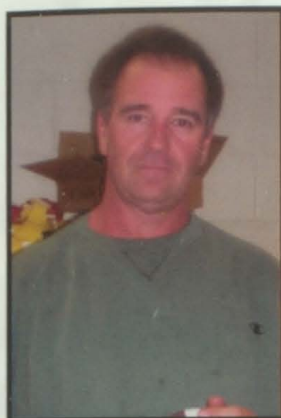
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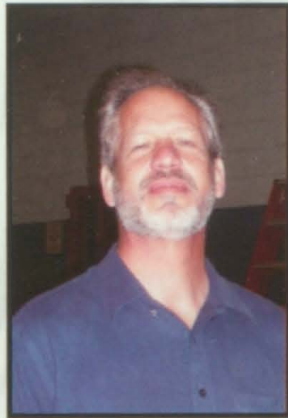
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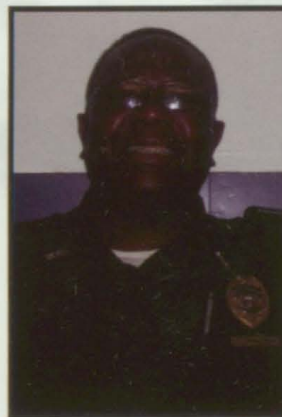
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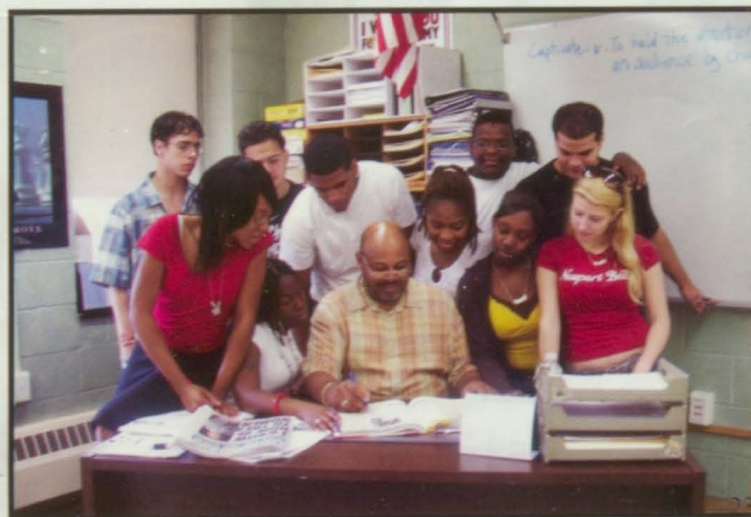
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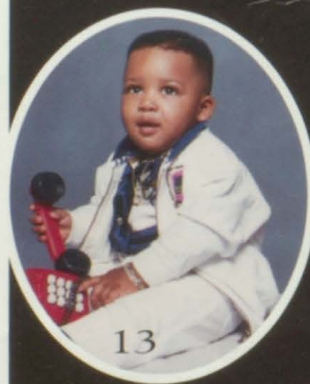
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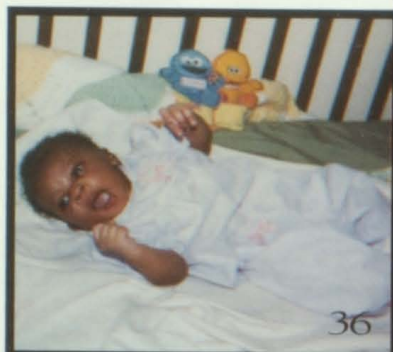
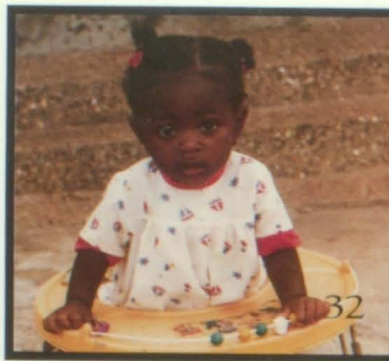




# When we were mad young





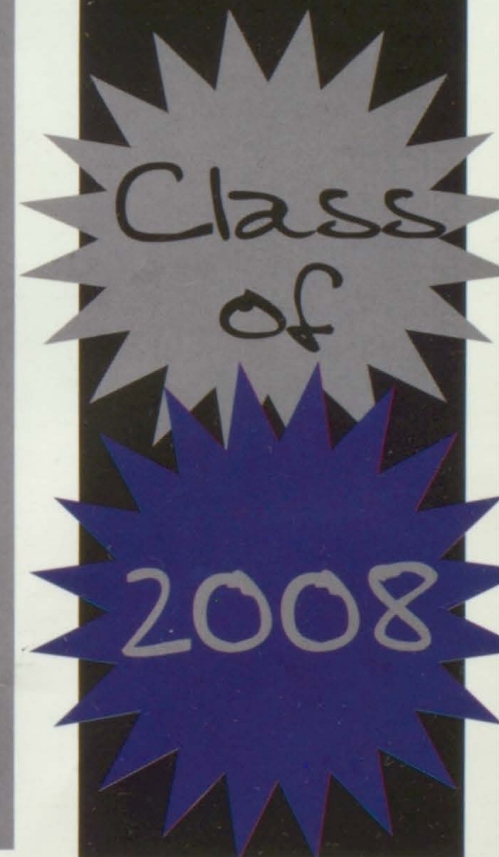






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55. Isaac Osei-Wusu
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57. Daniel Gabador
58. Jasmine Irving
59. Abdul Thomas
60. Andrea Pastrano





When we had to perform our solo dance in Mr. Gary's dance class

they used to sell  
soda for \$1.00 in  
the cafeteria  
during lunch  
periods

Mr. Kafele first came  
to Newark Tech

Mr. Gary's class  
performed the  
Congatae in  
front of the whole  
school

Our soccer team  
put us on the  
move

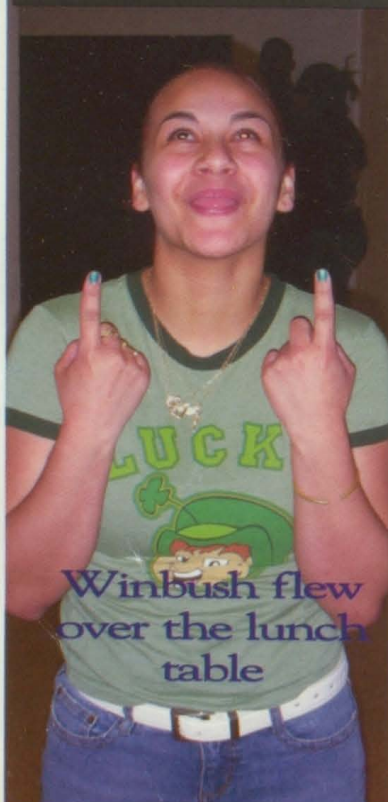


Mr. Wescott  
blasted on Nana over  
the phrases  
Someone wrote on his  
Backstreet Boys note-  
book

like Mr. Kafele

Mr. Kafele was  
running around  
the gym acting  
as if he was one  
of the students  
with saggy pants

I was a  
freshman all  
little and  
innocent



Winbush flew  
over the lunch  
table

I found my  
future husband  
in Newark  
Tech

Ms. Shoop &  
Ms. Warnock  
dressed like  
bride and groom  
for Halloween

I danced in the  
'08 pep rally

Mr. Andrews was  
Vice Principal



we played jump  
rope & tag in the  
hall freshman  
year at the end of  
the year

we were  
cheering in the  
pep-rally and  
the Latin  
Dance

someone  
(Semone) had  
her poetry  
class in the  
cafeteria

We got  
disqualified in the  
cross country  
tournament in  
sophomore year  
for playing  
around

Joe Debrah  
scored 30  
goals in the  
soccer season



we had parties  
freshman year

# REMEMBER

Winbush chasing us through the  
halls



Mr. Kafele first came and we had to walk on the right side of the hall

They took my sneaker and started playing football with it then tried to put me in the garbage can

MR. CONSTANTINO CAUGHT US SNEAKING OUT OF SCHOOL AND TOLD MR. SINGH

When we protested for our school to get a gym and new computers

I called Mr. Culento Magheto

When I first met Crystal Evans and the first thing she asked me was, "Do you have a Quarter?"

The seniors did flashback day

we used to listen to music during lunch

I broke my leg sliding in a baseball game

the entire senior class ran into the gym for the pep rally

Newark Tech became one of the top 1000 schools in the U.S.

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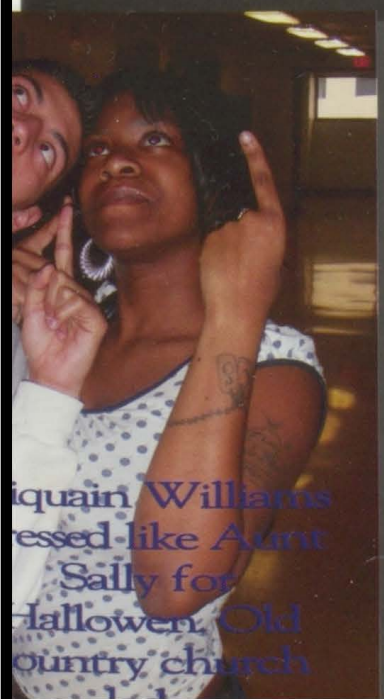
I was part of the 12-0 undefeated soccer team of 2007.

Manny proposed to Latisha

Ms. Morrissey's 2nd semester 4th block drove her crazy. She didn't show up for our class the last month of school!

I used to bring in that 3 foot long boombox everyday, and blast it in the last period class while everyone danced to all my recent club cd's our freshman year.

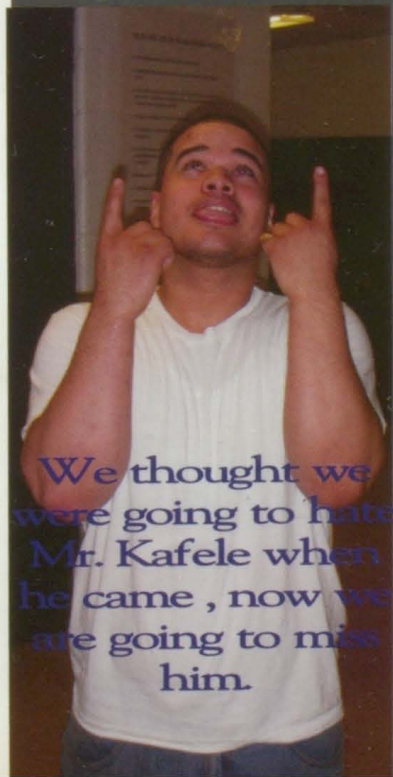
Winkey got serious with Lakia and really wanted to fight her in Ojo's class.



Aquain Williams dressed like Aunt Sally for Halloween. Old country church



The protest we had outside the school in 2004.



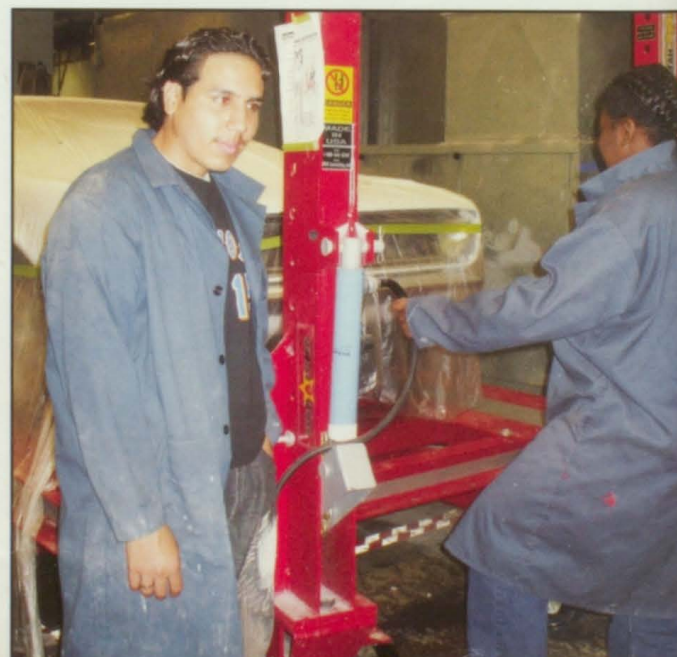
We thought we were going to hate Mr. Kafele when he came, now we are going to miss him.



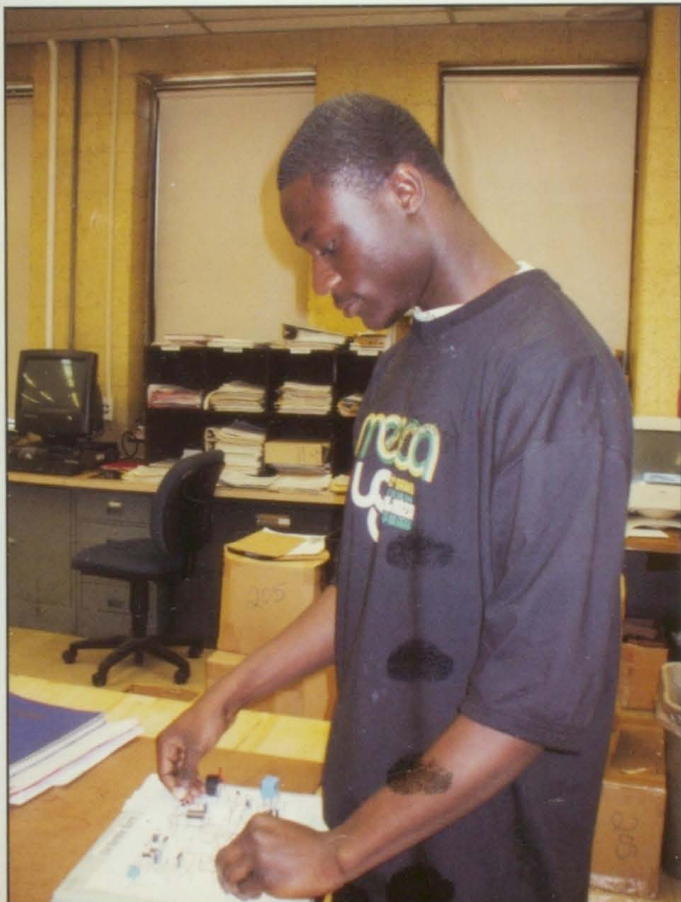
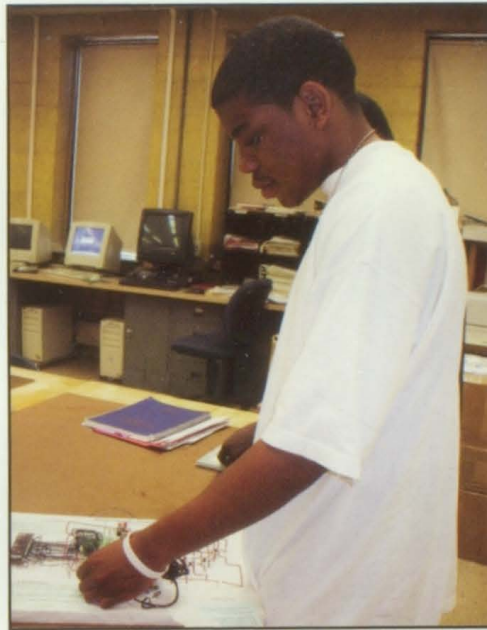
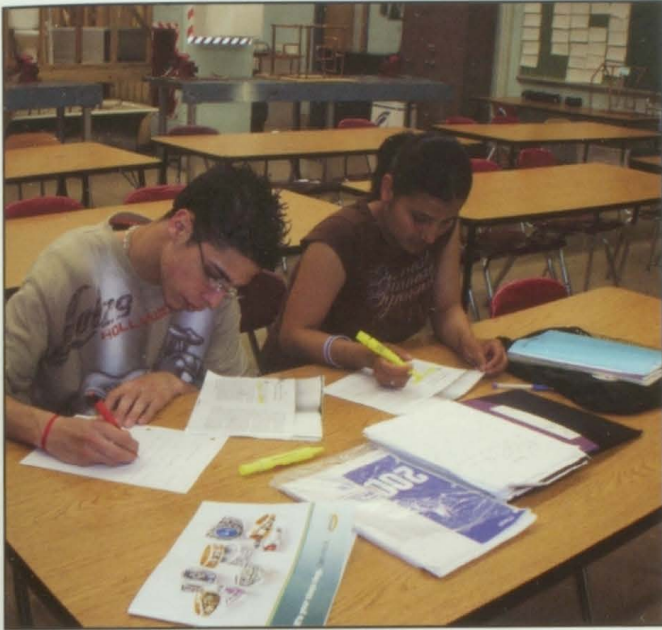
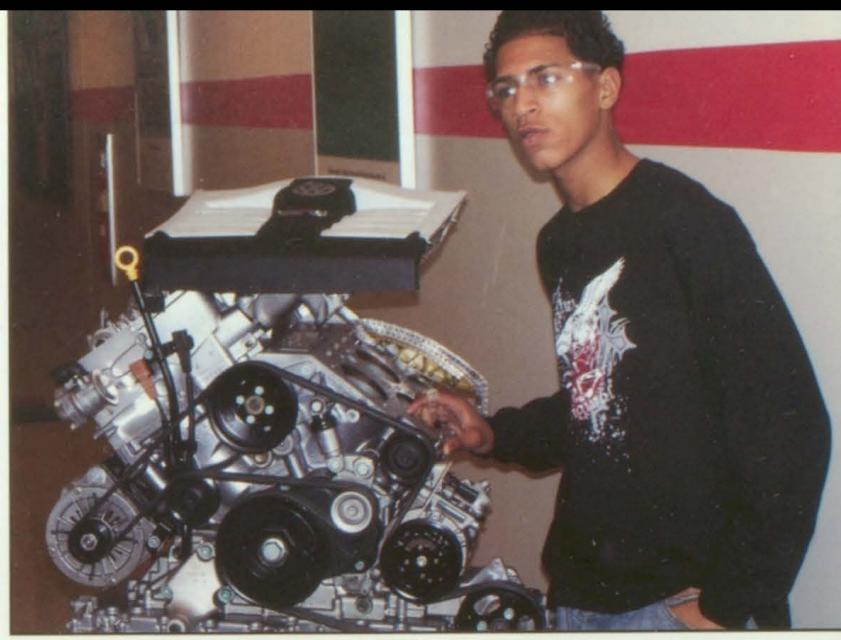
I got stuck in my locker freshman year and the janitor had to cut my lock to get m



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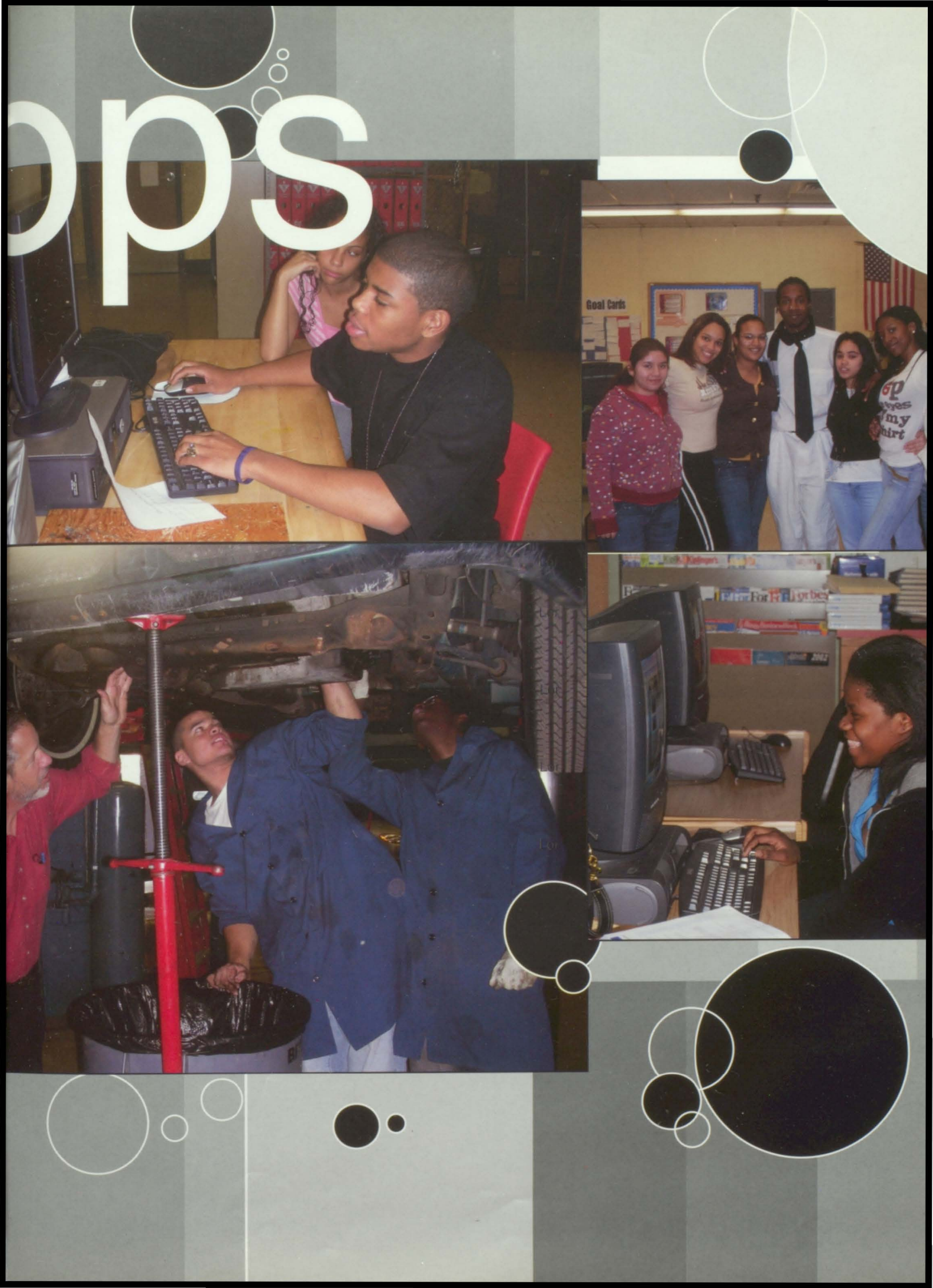
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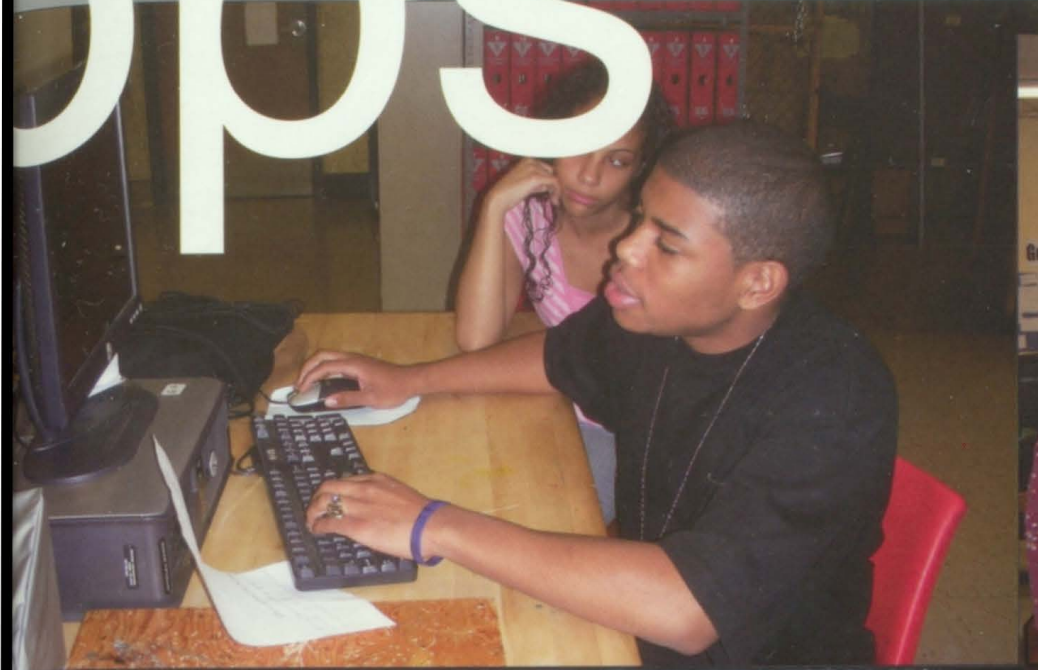
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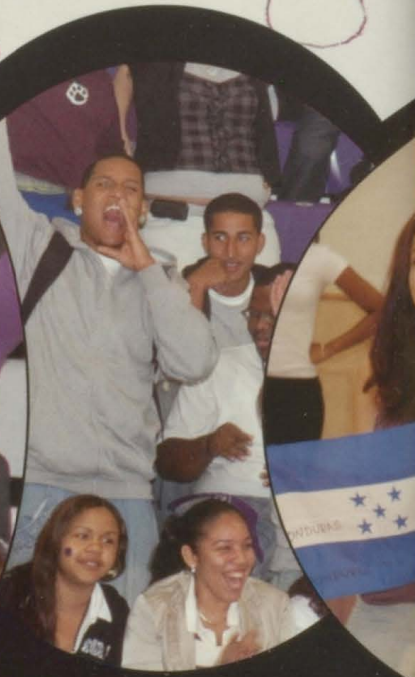
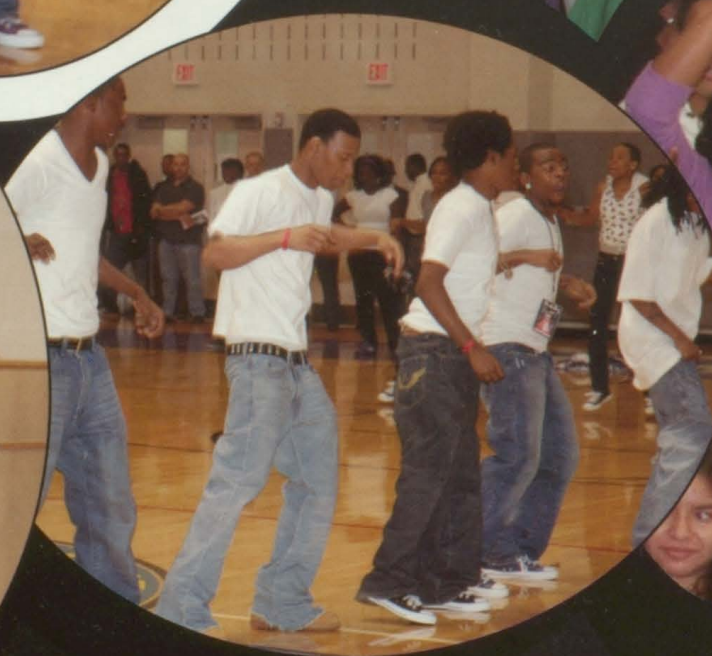
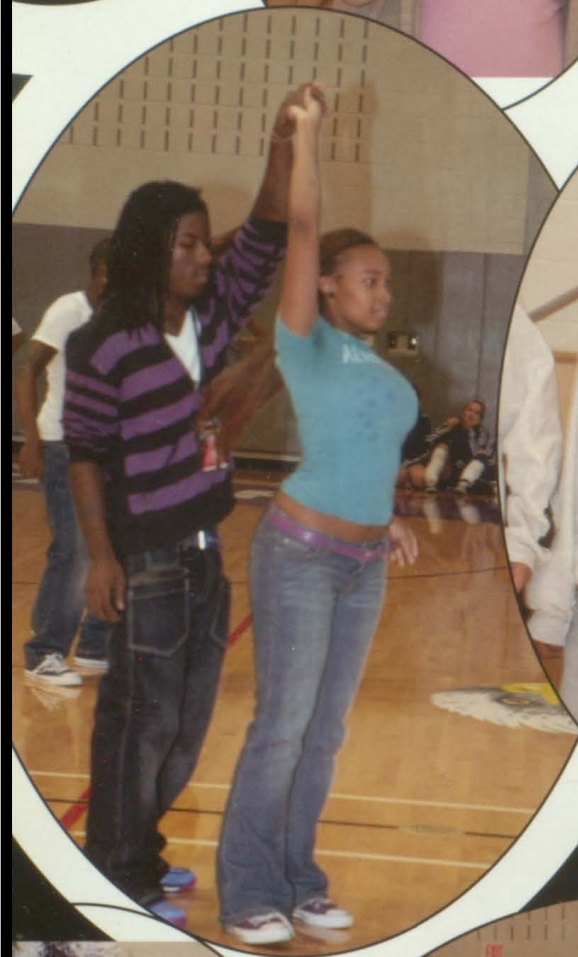
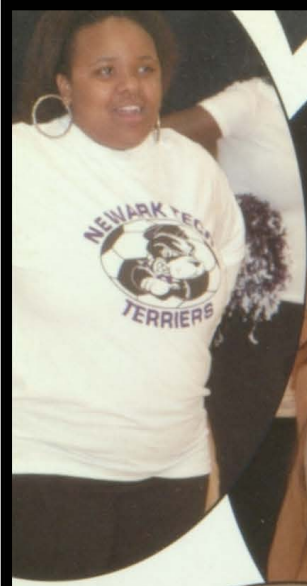




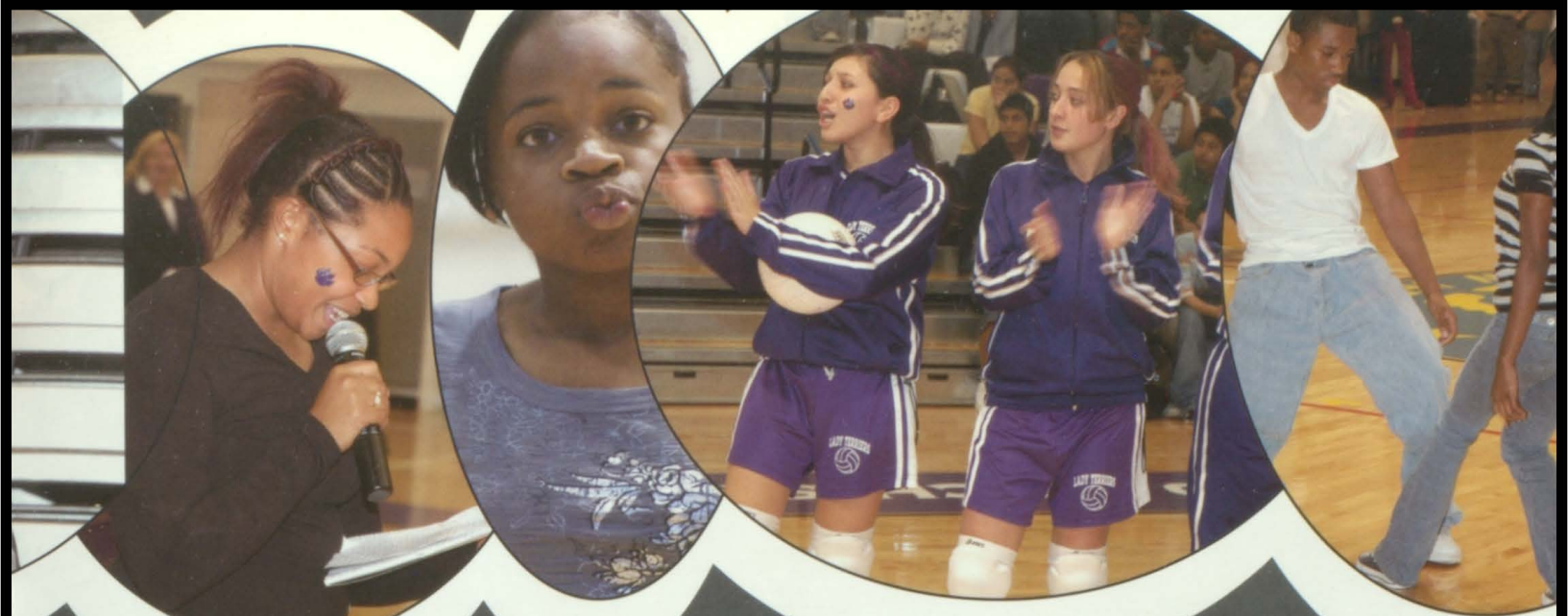
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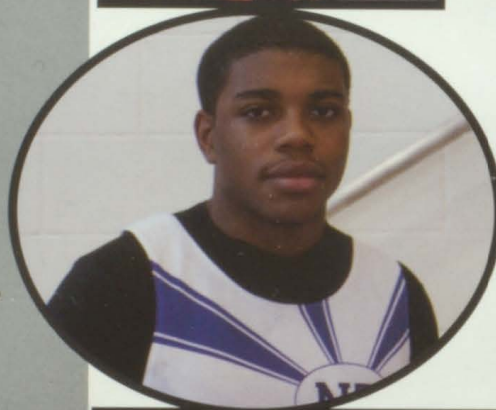
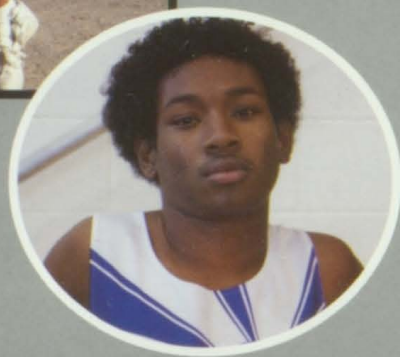
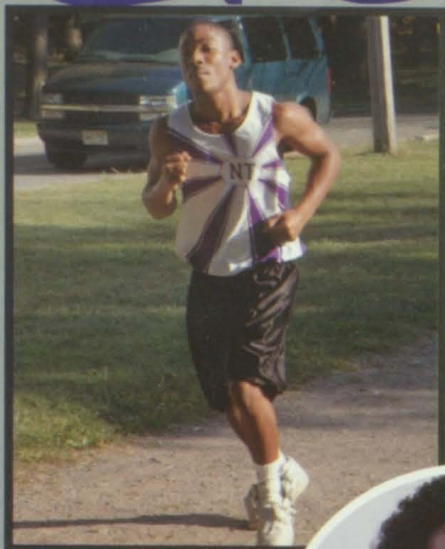


# Fall Pep Rally





# Cross Country



## Seniors

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Duwan Morris

Isaac Osei-Wusu

Nana Owusu-Ansah

Glendon Scott





# Volleyball

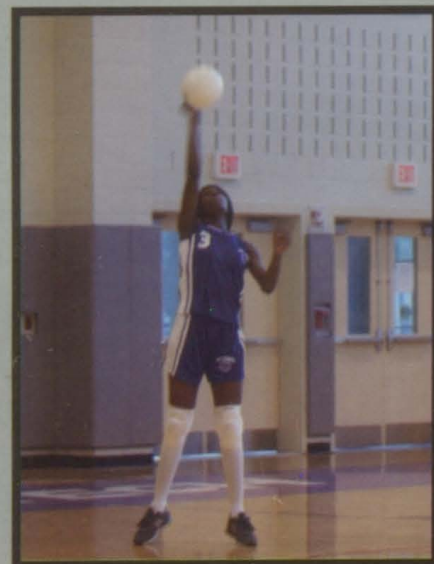
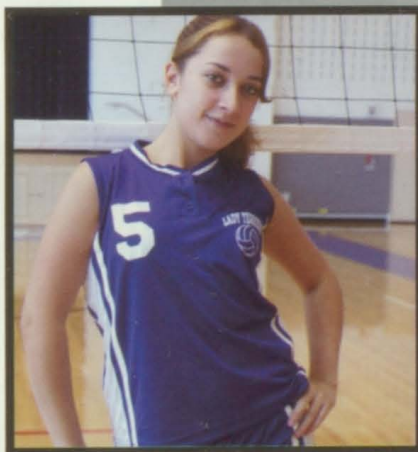
## Seniors

Stephanie Gamez

Dominique Booker

Stephanie Motta

Ysabel Santana







Seniors

1st Place  
North Jersey Interscholastic League  
Championship with a perfect record 12-0  
2nd Place  
New Jersey Technical  
Athletic Council Tournament  
Final Record  
17-5

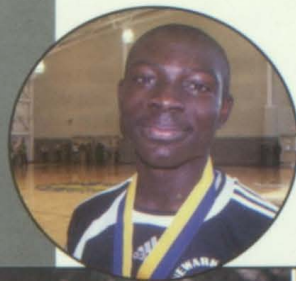


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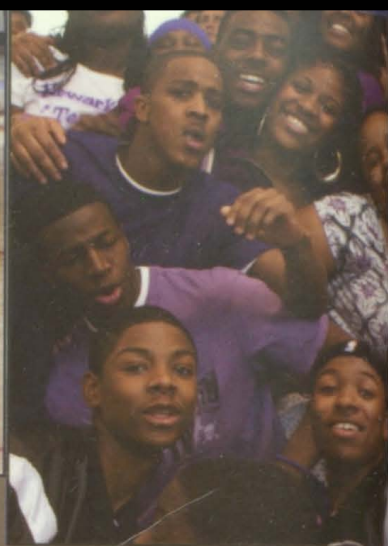
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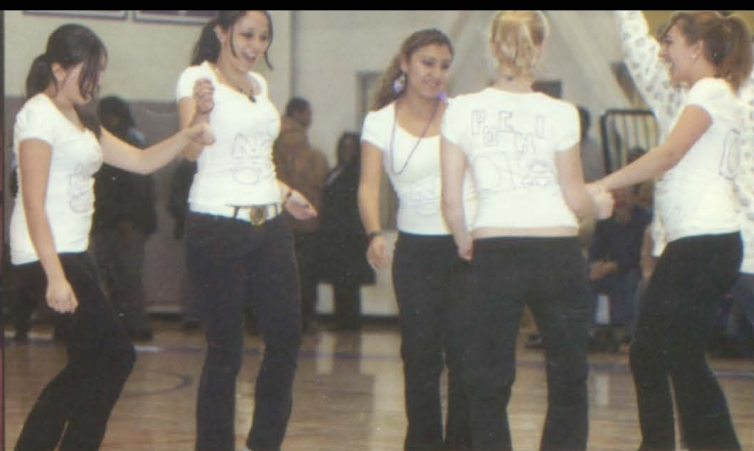




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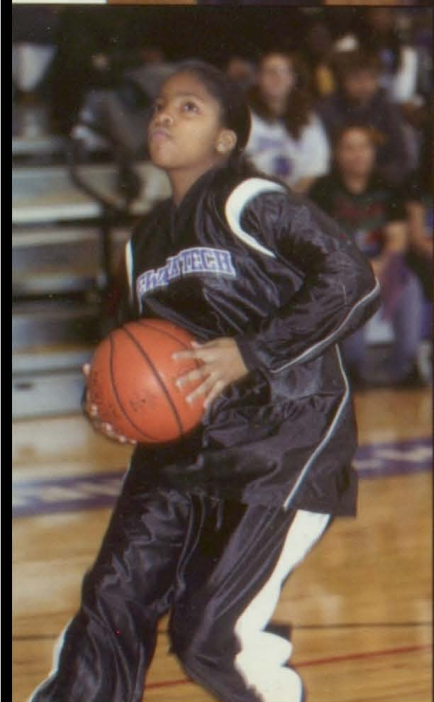
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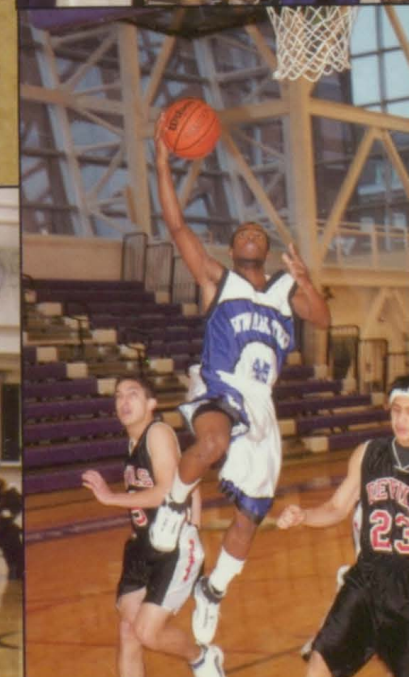


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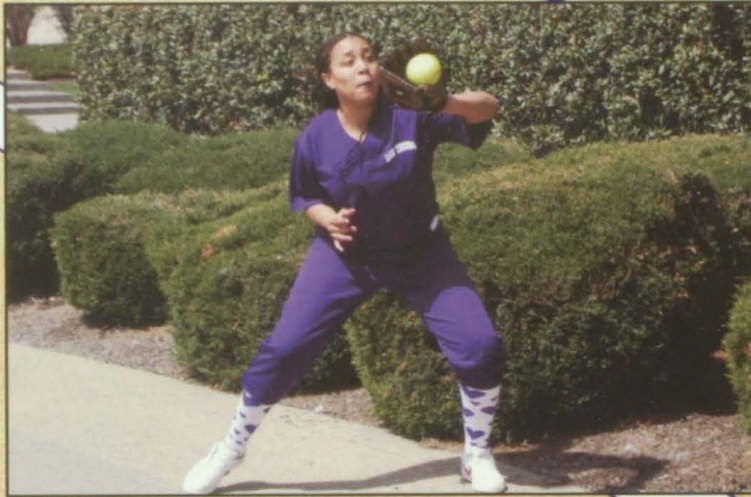
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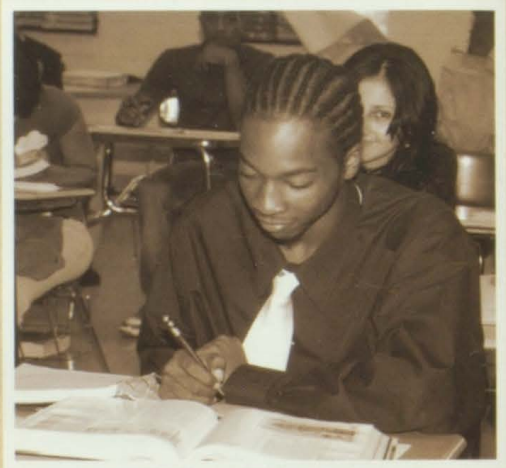
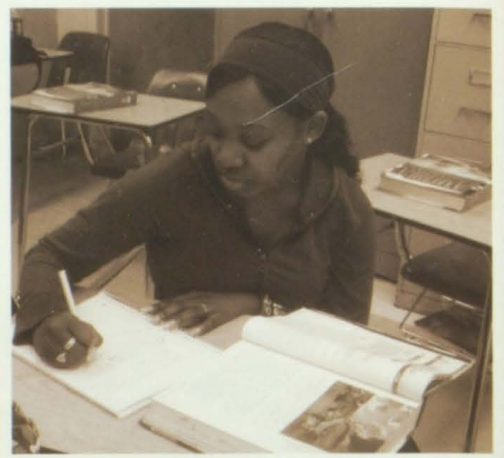
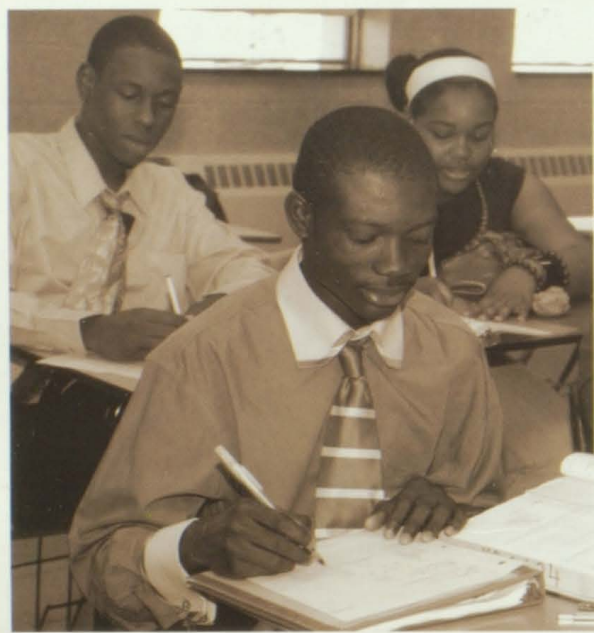
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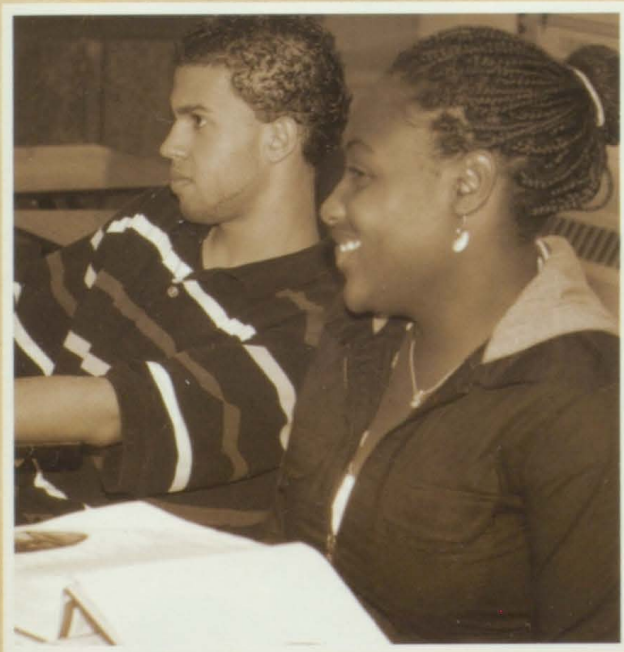
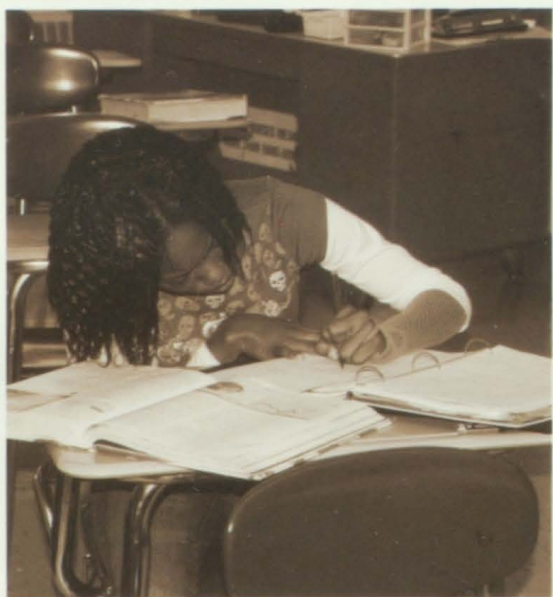


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# Senior Superlatives



## Best Dressed

Jerrell Burns  
Eva Tawiah



## Best Smile

Michael Medrano  
Mayelin Garcia



## Best Couple

Bismark Boadi  
Ysabel Santana



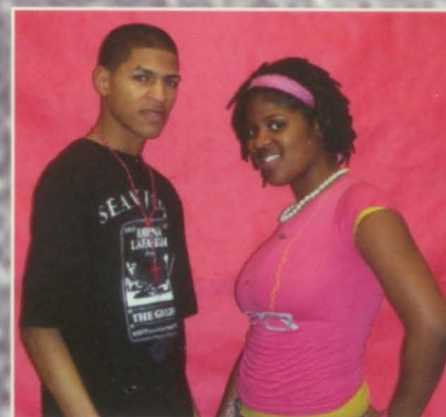
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Alejandro Paz  
Nyah Shaw



## Most Quiet

Nigel Maharaj  
Lateesha Golden



## Loudest

Hipolito Felix  
Lafiah Freeman



## Teacher's Pet

Antwann Brown  
Denise Bustamante



## Teacher's Pest

Duwan Morris  
Aisha Harrison



## Freshest Sneakers

Justin Harris  
Priscilla Otchere

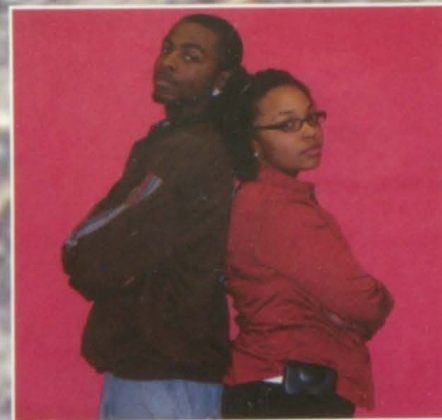




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Brittany Kirkland



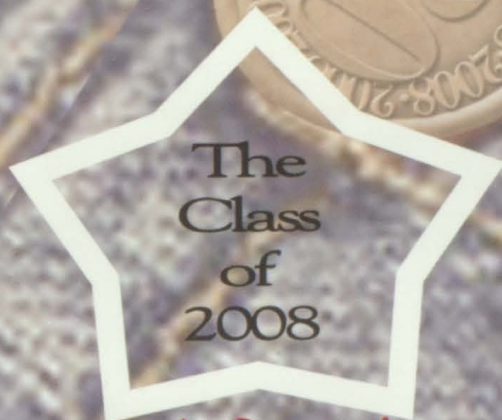
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**Most Athletic**  
Diquain Williams  
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**Best Shape**  
Dawan Noltan  
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**Most Popular**



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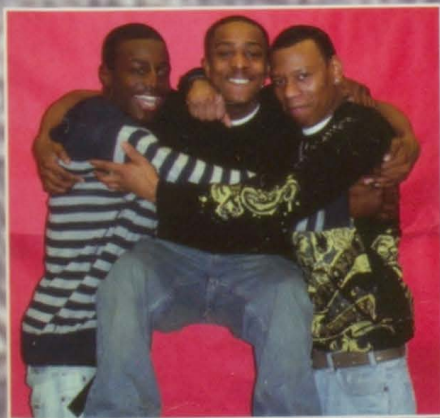
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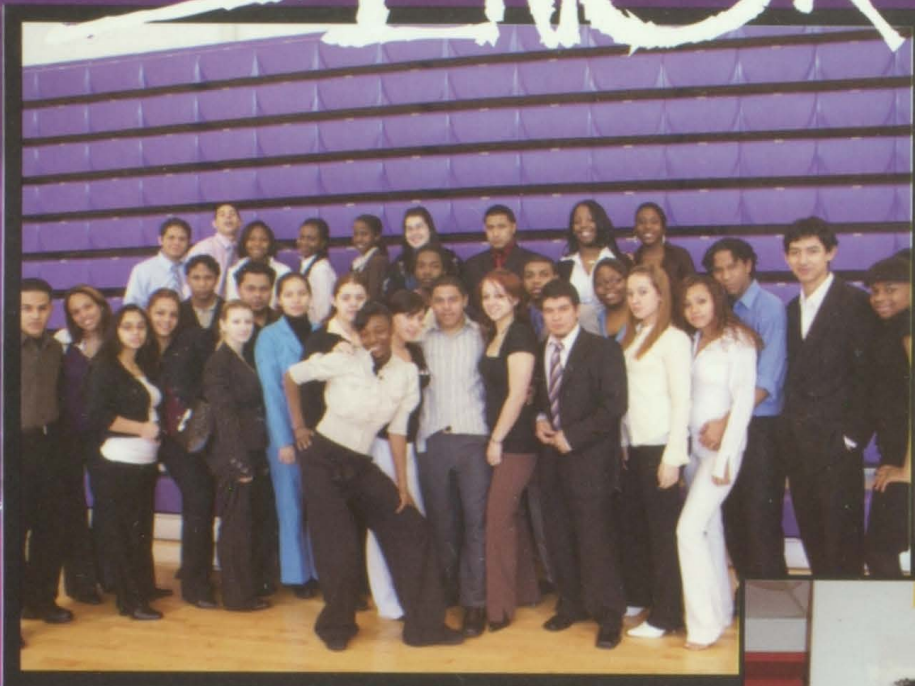
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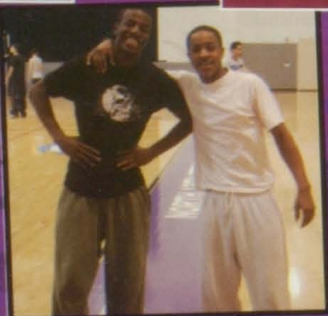


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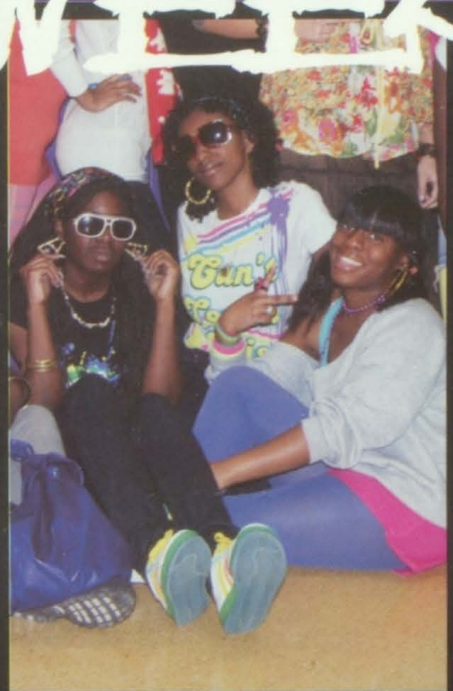


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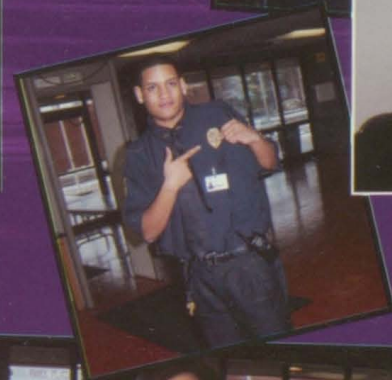
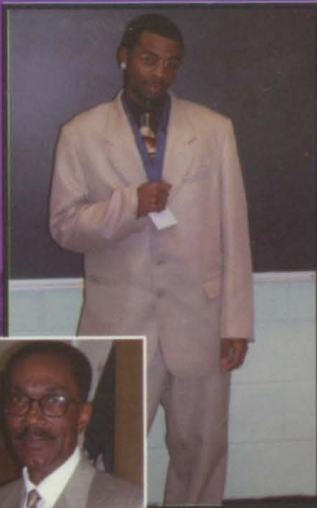


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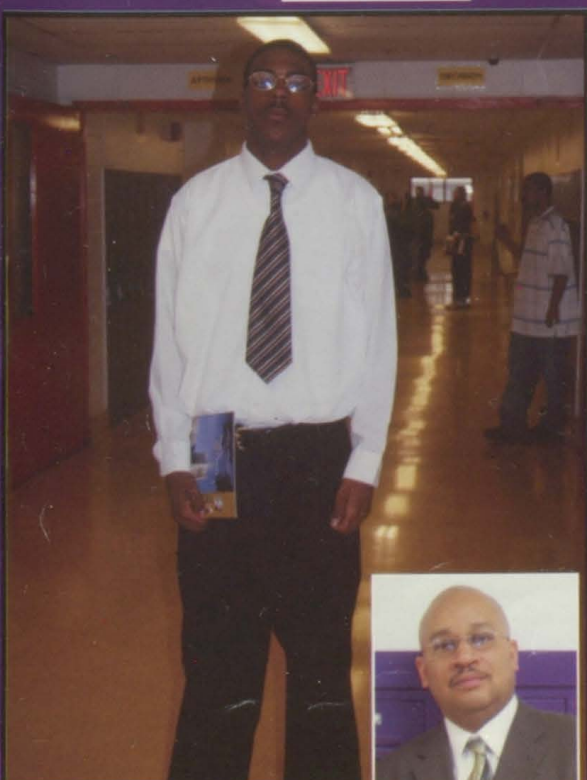


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 Student Council  
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 VICA/Skills USA  
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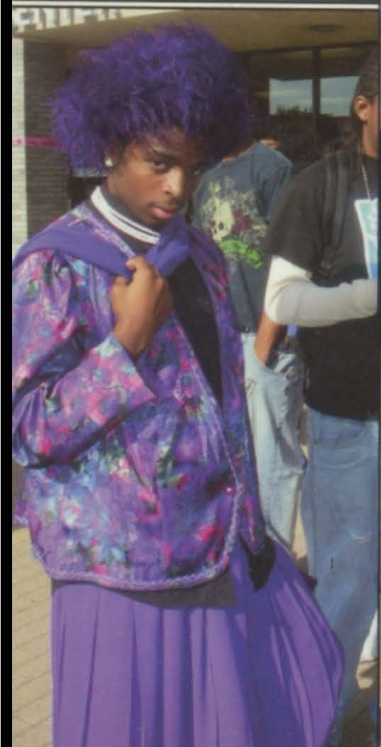
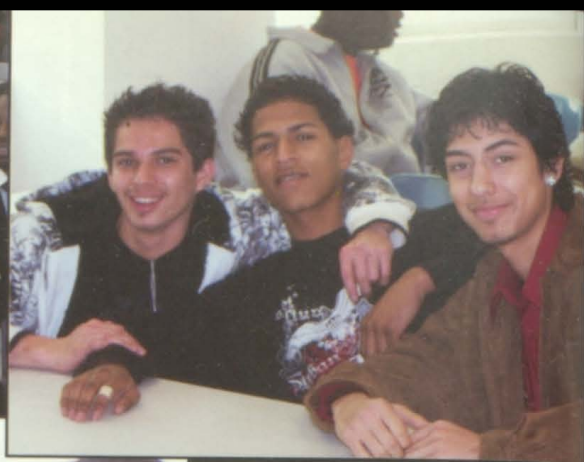
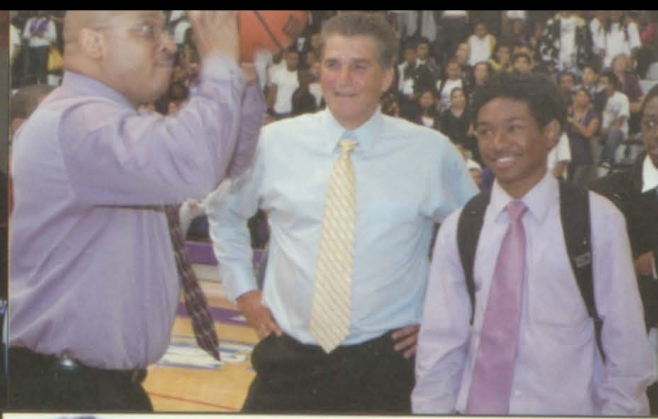




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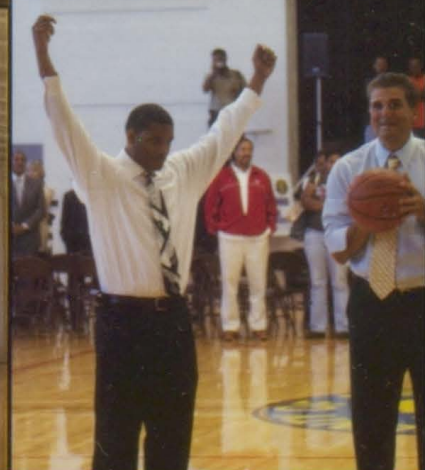














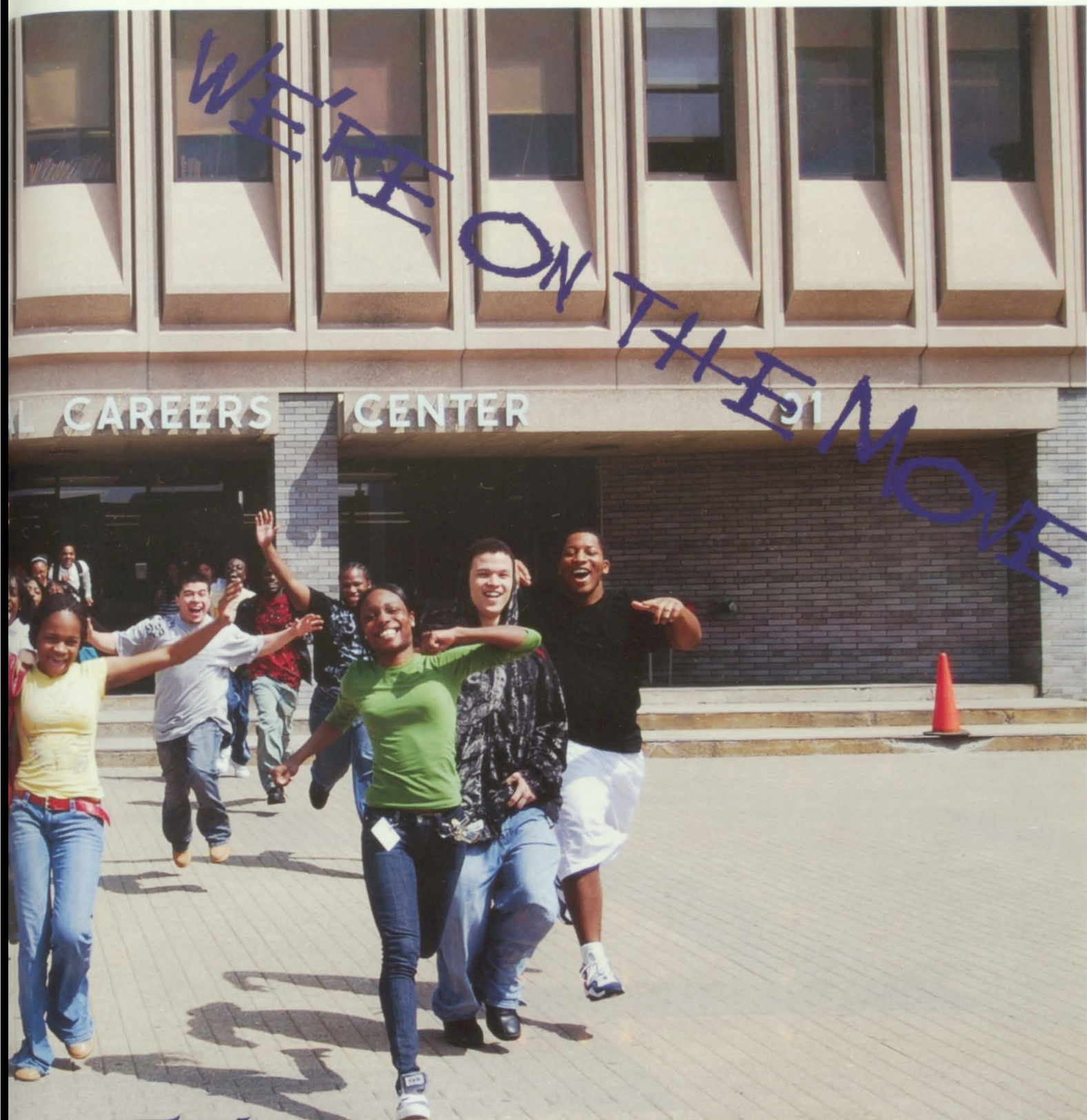
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# *Always Remember my ...*

weird sense of humor, height, generosity, gaming skills, friends, craziness, moving speeches, jokes, friends, quiet personality, sweet personality, funny jokes, favorite classes, overwhelming attitude, social skills, superman qualities, smile, Brooklyn ways, one in a million voice, flirty ways, shortness, loud mouth, fellow seniors, beautiful smile, wack jokes, SAT scores (1640), physique, straight A's, laughing at everything, morning announcements



## *Farewell and Best Wishes to the Class of 2008!*

*Thank you to the dedicated members of the yearbook staff for their hardwork and diligence in helping produce this yearbook. A special thank you to Mr. Kinder for his amazing photographs, without him the yearbook would not be the same.*

*Ms. Shoop & Ms. Warnock*





2007-2008

# year in review





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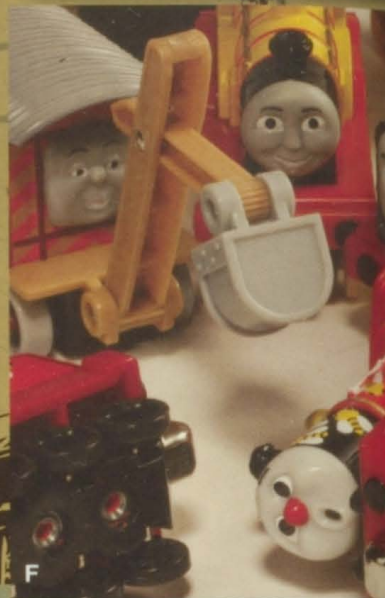
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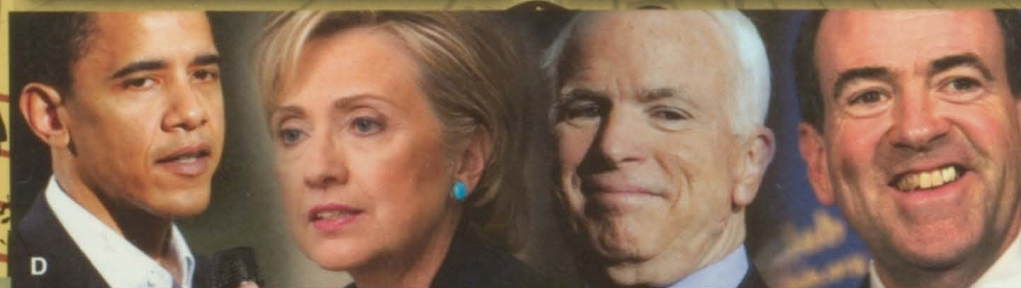
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### A. Economic aches

Gasoline and food prices went up and home prices went down as the economy weakened. At yearend 2007, the national average price for one gallon of gas was \$2.97, while the average price for a gallon of milk was \$3.80. Home prices experienced the largest drop in 16 years. In addition, jumps in adjustable rate mortgages left many homeowners behind or unable to pay their monthly house payments.

### B. Drying up

A severe drought in the southeast U.S. led to water use restrictions and renewed tensions over water supplies in Georgia, Florida and Alabama. The drought was the worst in northern Georgia in 100 years.

### C. Superbug hits schools

Schools across the country began dealing with a drug-resistant staph superbug called methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA. Some schools closed for cleaning when a student was found to have the bacteria. MRSA caused several student deaths.

### D. Stay tuned

Frontrunners kept changing before the summer conventions to pick 2008 presidential candidates. But as of Super Tuesday, Feb. 5, U.S. Senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton were in a dead heat in their quest for the Democratic Party's nomination, while for the Republicans, U.S. Senator John McCain, almost written off a few months ago, had a large lead over former Governor Mike Huckabee of Arkansas.

### E. Gore wins Nobel

Former Vice President Al Gore won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work on informing the public about global warming. He shared the award with the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Gore said he planned to donate his half of the \$1.6 million prize to an organization that works to cut carbon emissions.

### F. Misfit toys

More than 12 million toys made in China were recalled for containing high levels of lead. Mattel, the nation's number one toy maker, also recalled 172,000 Fisher-Price toys that could pose choking hazards.



A container ship hit the Bay Bridge in San Francisco, causing the worst oil spill in the bay in 20 years.



Steve Fosssett, holder of many aviation records, disappeared during a flight over Nevada.



Cancer deaths were declining because more people were getting screened and new treatments were saving lives, scientists said.



Myanmar quelled the uprising by Buddhist monks for democracy, killing and detaining thousands of people.





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## G. War goes on

In the war on terror, more than 165,000 U.S. troops were stationed in Iraq and approximately 25,000 in Afghanistan. The number of U.S. troops killed in Iraq began to decrease monthly, likely caused by changes in strategy in the fight against the insurgents.

## H. California wildfires

More than 23 wildfires blazed across almost 500,000 acres of southern California in October, destroying 2,300 homes. Twelve people died. Arson was the cause of some of the fires. Santa Ana winds also fueled fires again in late November.

## I. Democracy threatened

Democracy in Pakistan, a nuclear-armed nation, was on shaky ground already when former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was killed during a political rally. Elections originally scheduled for January were delayed. Amid the tensions between political factions in the country, additional concerns stemmed from possible threats from al Qaeda and Taliban extremists in the country.

## HELP ON A GLOBAL SCALE

Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, worked to end world hunger and extreme poverty through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

- \$306 million – Amount the foundation pledged in January to help small farmers in Africa and developing countries grow and sell their crops.
- \$14.5 million – Amount given since 1994 for the foundation's key areas: global health issues, global development such as agriculture and research, and U.S. education.
- \$3.2 billion – Projected amount the foundation expected to give away in 2009.
- 820 million – Number of people who suffer from chronic hunger in the developing world.

[gatesfoundation.org](http://gatesfoundation.org)



The population of New Orleans was about 300,000, or 65% of its size prior to 2005's Hurricane Katrina.



Liz Claiborne, who started her company in 1976 to bring stylish, affordable clothing to working women, died of cancer.

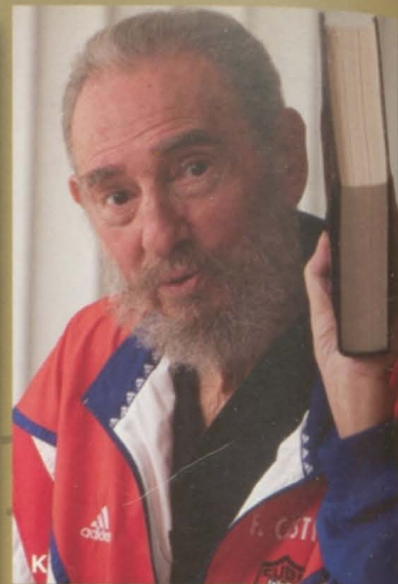


Rioting and deaths occurred during disputes over the outcome of Kenya's presidential election.



A Siberian tiger at the San Francisco Zoo killed a teen and mauled two others on Christmas Day.





### J. Rush-hour bridge collapse

Bridges across the country were inspected after an Interstate 35 bridge over the Mississippi River in Minneapolis collapsed Aug. 1. Thirteen people were killed, and eventually 88 vehicles were located in the bridge wreckage or the river. Construction work was being done on the bridge when it collapsed during rush hour.

### K. Castro steps down

Fidel Castro, 81, ended his 49 years as president of Cuba by resigning the post due to his health. Castro and his brother, Raul Castro, overthrew the Cuban government in 1959, installing communism in the tiny island nation 90 miles from Florida. Reaction regarding Cuba's future was mixed from Cuban-Americans in Florida, many of whom had fled the communist regime.

### L. Protests in Jena

Tensions ran high in Jena, La., where six black teens were charged with beating a white classmate. Supporters of the Jena 6 said the beating followed an earlier incident in which white high school students hung nooses on campus. The supporters were angered because the white students were punished with school suspension, while criminal charges were filed against the Jena 6.

### M. What is Iran up to?

U.S. intelligence concluded in a report that Iran actually stopped work in 2003 on a nuclear weapons program the U.S. suspected it had still ongoing. That was the year the U.S. had invaded neighboring Iraq. However, Iran announced it was close to starting up its Bushehr nuclear facility, which will provide electricity to the country. Russia was building the plant for Iran and was supplying the nuclear fuel.

### N. No safe place

In December, a 19-year-old gunman killed six employees and two customers in a department store in Omaha's Westroads Mall before killing himself. A few days later, a gunman killed two staff people at a missionary center in Arvada, Colo., then killed two teens at a Colorado Springs church before being shot by a church volunteer security guard.

### O. Safe and effective?

Drug companies pulled cough and cold medicines for children under age two out of stores, while pediatricians urged the government to issue a statement saying the medicine should not be used in children under age six. Many of the cough and cold medicines have never been tested in children.



Working the overnight shift was listed as a probable cause of cancer. About 20% of workers in developed countries work nights.



The Airbus A380, the world's largest airliner, made its first flight from Singapore to Sydney with 485 passengers and crew.



A dormitory parent at Oprah Winfrey's school for girls in South Africa was charged with abusing students.



Cyclone Sidr killed more than 3,200 people and injured nearly 40,000 in Bangladesh, the government reported.





## P. Weathering the weather

In December, back-to-back rainstorms with hurricane-force winds pounded Oregon and Washington, where helicopters rescued people stranded in floodwaters. An ice storm hit the Midwest, leaving many people without electricity for days, including 600,000 people in Oklahoma. In February, more than 50 people were killed in tornadoes that struck Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama and Kentucky.

## Q. Social technology solves crimes

Oakland, Calif., police used clues from a MySpace page to charge a man in the shooting death of a high school student, while police in Washington, D.C., used a Facebook profile, found by the victim, to charge a man in a hate-crime attack near the Georgetown University campus.

## R. Lively and quick

Hurricane Humberto took southeast Texas by surprise, going from a tropical depression to a hurricane in 18 hours. A specialist at the National Hurricane Center said no tropical cyclone has ever grown stronger at a faster rate while being so close to land. Still, it does not take long for a hurricane to cause damage, which was estimated at less than \$500 million.

## S. No help needed

Six French aid workers were sentenced to eight years of hard labor for trying to take more than 100 children out of Chad for adoption. The workers, who were with the charity Zoe's Ark, said the children were Darfur orphans living in Chad. But officials with the Red Cross and UNICEF said most of the children were from Chad and were living with their families when they were taken.

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## SMOKE-FREE AREAS INCREASE

More states, cities and non-public areas ban smoking.

- 22 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have laws prohibiting smoking in workplaces and public places, up from two states five years ago.
- Almost 60 college campuses have smoke-free policies
- The number of teen smokers continued to decline. In 2007, only 3% of 8th graders, 7% of 10th graders and 12% of 12th graders smoked daily.

American Lung Association, American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation and Monitoring the Future study/University of Michigan



Researchers found that biting has caused the spread of facial cancer tumors that have killed 90% of the Tasmanian Devils on Tasmania.



The \$5 bill got a color makeover, following the updates of the \$10, \$20 and \$50 bills to thwart counterfeiters.



O.J. Simpson was charged in a Las Vegas robbery, allegedly trying to regain some of his sports memorabilia at gunpoint.



Six percent of Britons claim to have done dental work on themselves, such as pulling teeth, as subsidized care was unavailable.





### A. Almost perfect

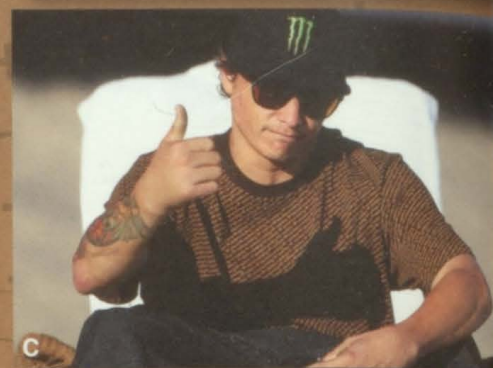
The New England Patriots dominantly marched through the NFL regular season and AFC playoffs 18-0, and appeared ready to become the first pro football team in more than 35 years to finish a season without a loss. But the New York Giants had other ideas, and they ended the run at perfection with a 17-14 upset win in Super Bowl XLII. The much-hyped game was the most watched Super Bowl of all time, and the second-most watched TV program ever.

### B. Daddy goes to work

Golfer Tiger Woods became a dad for the first time, with daughter Sam being born during the summer. The new dad kicked it into gear again, winning his 13th major at the PGA Championship and closing the season by winning the Tour Championship.

### C. Scary moment

During one of his runs at the Summer X Games, skateboarder Jake Long gave the audience a terrible scare when he lost his balance in mid-air, flew off his skateboard and fell about 45 feet straight down onto the ramp below. Even though Long's fall was roughly



equivalent to more than three stories, he walked away with a couple contusions and fractures, but lived to tell about it and became a skateboarding legend in the process.

### D. Big breakthrough

After several years of hype, basketball phenom LeBron James finally began to show signs of living up to his nickname of "The Chosen One." In only his fourth season, and at only 22 years old, James guided the Cleveland Cavaliers into the NBA Finals. In the process, he became a media superstar, landing spots as the host of ESPN's ESPY Awards and Saturday Night Live.

### E. Baseball comes clean

Nearly two years after he was appointed by commissioner Bud Selig to investigate the use of performance-enhancing drugs in baseball, former U.S. Senator George Mitchell released a 409-page document with his findings. The report specifically mentioned 88 players by name, and reactions varied from shock to a shrug of the shoulders. The most notable of those implicated in the report were New York Yankees pitchers Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte.



Florida quarterback Tim Tebow won the Heisman Trophy.



Sprinter Asafa Powell set a new 100-meter record of 9.74 seconds.

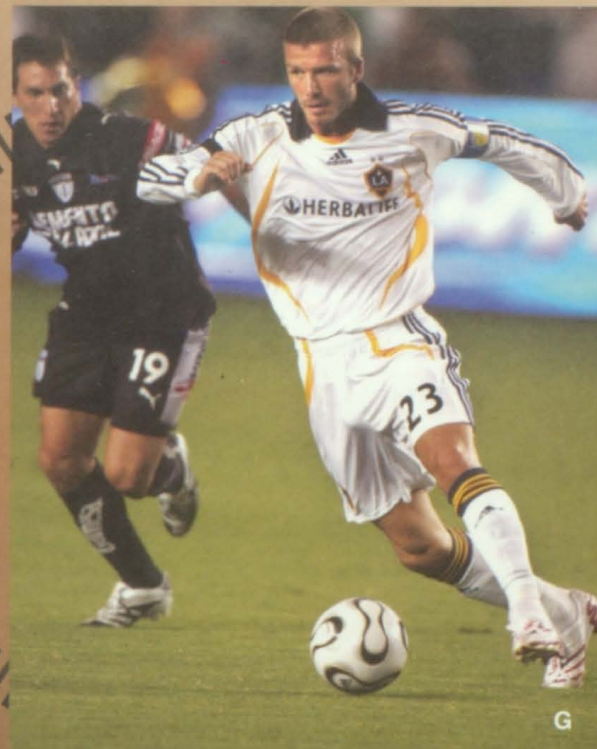


The Houston Dynamo won its second straight MLS Cup.





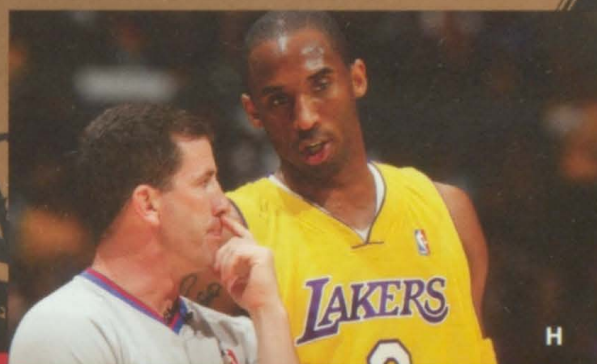
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### F. A tainted king?

San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds hit his 756th home run and passed the long-standing all-time record of Hank Aaron. However, the historical mark was not widely celebrated as Bonds continued to be the subject of speculation about steroid use during his career. Later, he was even indicted for perjury related to the federal investigation into steroids.

### G. Rough first year

It was not exactly smooth sailing for British soccer star David Beckham during his first year in America. After signing with the Los Angeles Galaxy of MLS, Beckham was only able to play in eight games due to various knee injuries and the Galaxy were unable to make the playoffs.

### H. A blown call

Tim Donaghy, an NBA referee for 13 seasons, embroiled the league in controversy when he became the subject of an FBI investigation due to allegations that he bet on games that he officiated. Donaghy later pleaded guilty to two charges related to the investigation, and admitted that he made calls that affected the point spreads in those games.

## IN THE GAME

About 25 million American youth play competitive school sports and 20 million youth ages 6 through 16 play organized sports in a community program.

The most played team sports are:

- ▶ Basketball, 4+ million
- ▶ Baseball, 2.5+ million
- ▶ Outdoor soccer, 2+ million
- ▶ Touch football, 2 million
- ▶ Court volleyball, almost 2 million

NYU Child Study Center, [aboutourkids.org](http://aboutourkids.org)



American Joey Chestnut won the World Hot Dog Eating Contest, as competitive eating gained popularity.

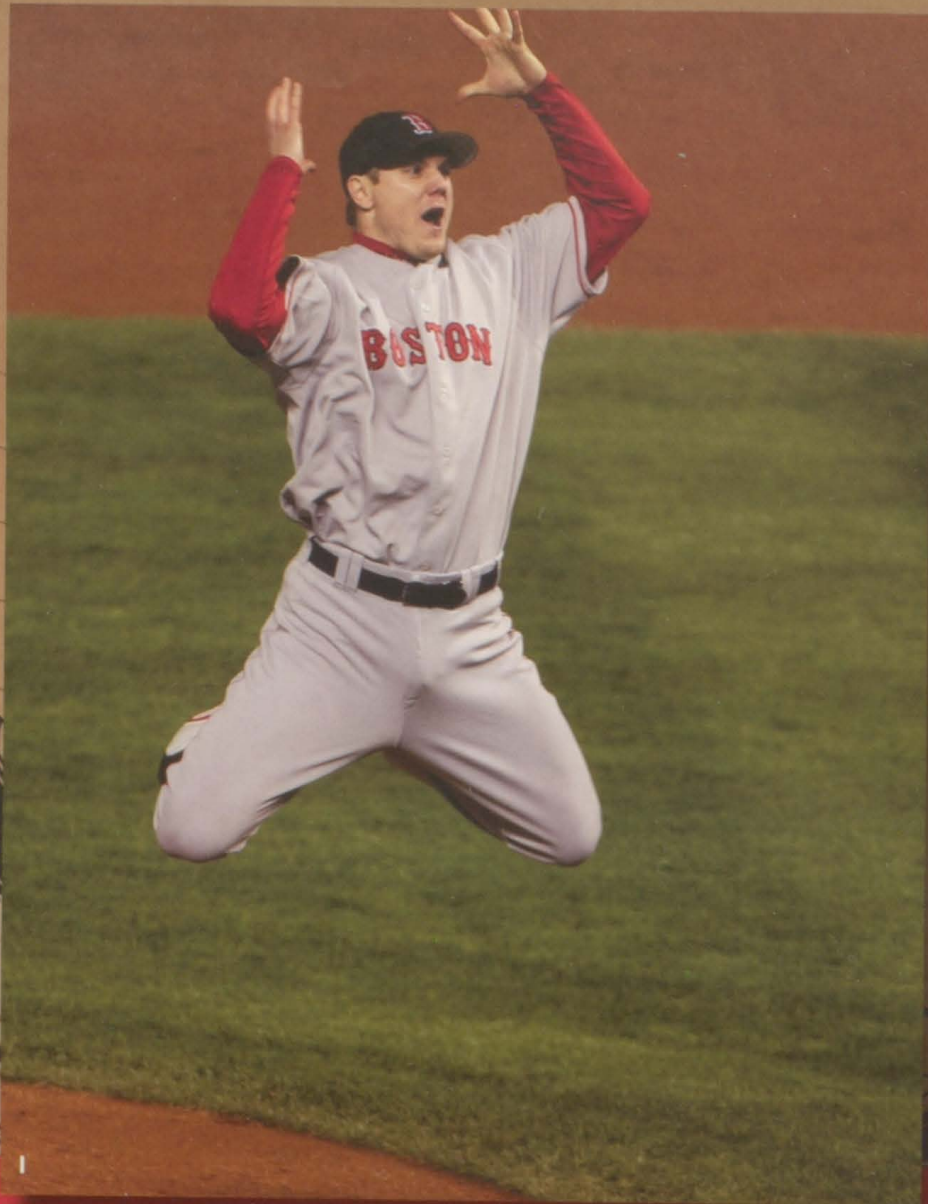


Former San Francisco 49ers coach Bill Walsh, who won three Super Bowls, died at 75.



The U.S. women's soccer team struggled at the World Cup, losing 4-0 to Brazil after coach Greg Ryan benched starting goalie Hope Solo.





### I. Twice as nice

Three years after erasing the 86-year "Curse of the Bambino" and ending one of the longest title droughts in sports history, the Boston Red Sox did it again by sweeping the Colorado Rockies to win its second World Series in four years. Boston rang up the best record in baseball during the regular season, and then beat the Rockies, who had won 21 of its previous 22 games.

### J. Sad admission

After several years of denials, track star Marion Jones, a five-time Olympic medalist, admitted to the public that she took steroids prior to the 2000 Summer Olympics. Afterwards, the IOC stripped Jones of her medals and she announced her retirement.

### K. A champ again

Russian tennis sensation Maria Sharapova, only 20 years old, won her third Grand Slam title by breezing through the Australian Open without losing a set. Sharapova added the crown to the previous U.S. Open and Wimbledon titles she already won.



Bobby Knight stepped down at Texas Tech with 902 wins, the most of any coach in college basketball history.



### L. Record season

In his 17th season, Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre set the NFL career record for passing yards, passing Dan Marino. The 38-year old, three-time MVP also experienced a rebirth by leading the Packers to a 13-3 season and the NFC Championship Game. However, they fell one game short of the Super Bowl, losing to the New York Giants in overtime.

### M. Dog days

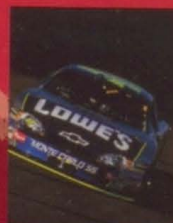
Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick was arrested by federal investigators for organizing a widespread dog-fighting ring out of his home. The NFL indefinitely suspended Vick, who at one time was the highest paid player in the league. After he pleaded guilty, Vick was sentenced to 23 months in prison.

### N. A new hope

Young Shawn Johnson, a 15-year old from Des Moines who stands only 4-feet, 8-inches tall, became the next face of the U.S. women's gymnastics team when she became only the fourth American

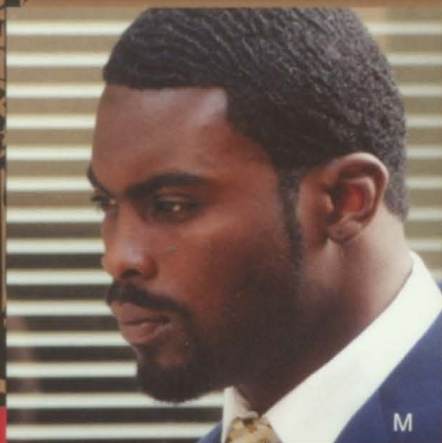
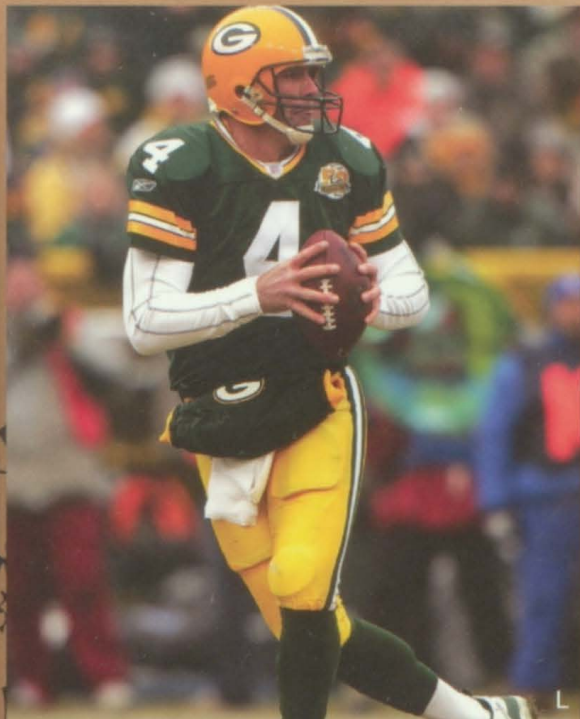


Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal continued their rivalry as the two best tennis players, capturing all four majors between them.



Nascar driver Jimmie Johnson won his second straight Nextel Cup.





woman to win the all-around competition at the World Championships. In the process, Johnson set the stage for the team's hopes at the 2008 Summer Olympics.

#### O. Impossible to predict

The college football season was filled with several twists and turns, starting with tiny Appalachian State's upset of Michigan in the opening week. Non-traditional football schools such as Kansas, Kentucky and Illinois made appearances in the top 10. In the end, LSU won the national championship by defeating Ohio State, 38-24 in the BCS title game.

#### P. Return to glory

The Boston Celtics set out to recapture their glory days by trading for forward Kevin Garnett and guard Ray Allen and pairing them with forward Paul Pierce to form a new "big three" trio of all-stars. The early returns were positive, as the team steamrolled to a 30-4 record, equaling the best start in franchise history.

### A NATIONAL EVENT

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This year's Super Bowl was the second most viewed television program ever, behind the *MASH* finale. The top five most-viewed Super Bowls are:

- New York Giants vs. New England Patriots, 2008 (XLII), 97.5 million viewers
  - Dallas Cowboys vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 1996 (XXX), 94.08 million viewers
  - Indianapolis Colts vs. Chicago Bears, 2007 (XLI) 93.18 million viewers
  - Chicago Bears vs. New England Patriots, 1986 (XX) 92.57 million viewers
  - Dallas Cowboys vs. Buffalo Bills, 1993 (XXVII) 90.99 million viewers
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The Anaheim Ducks won the 2007 Stanley Cup over the Ottawa Senators.

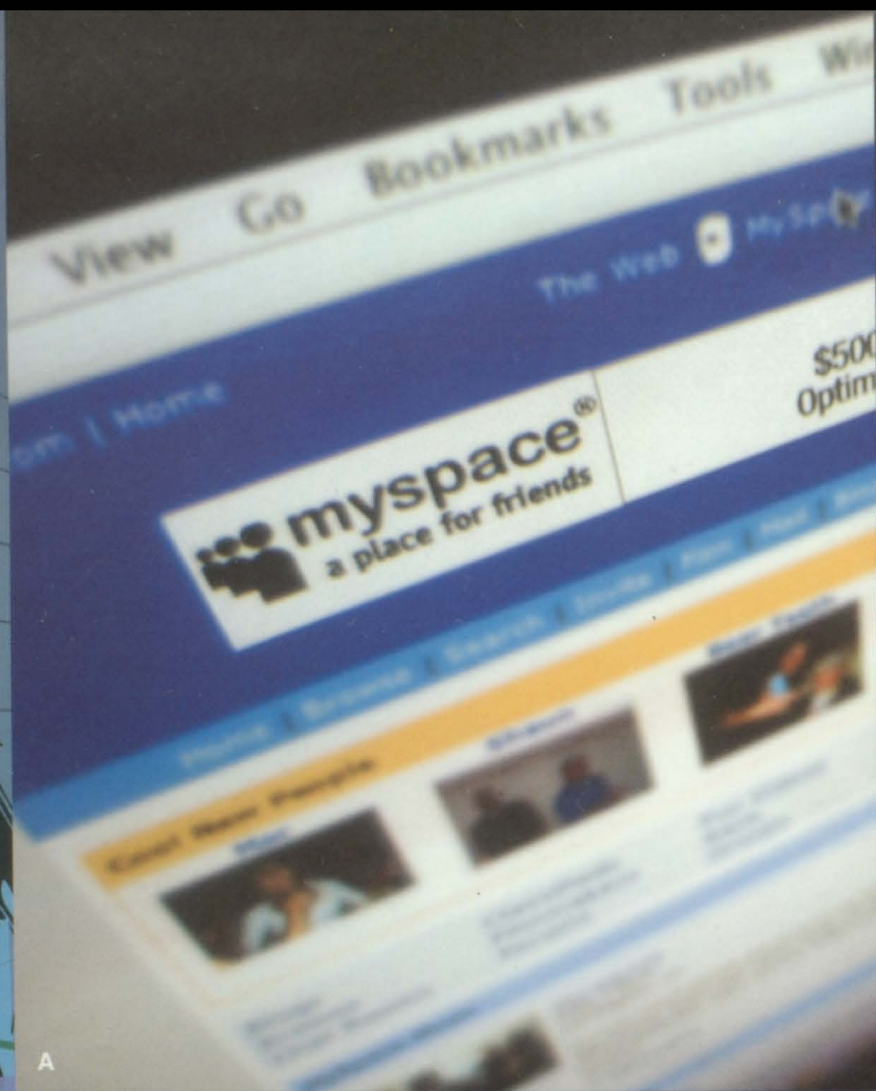


Buffalo tight end Kevin Everett fractured his spine during an early season game, then miraculously recovered and walked again.



Alex Rodriguez became the youngest player to reach 500 home runs, doing so by age 32.





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### A. Meet you online

Social networking websites continued to gain popularity and add millions of subscribers who ventured online to interact. Two of the largest, MySpace and Facebook, even developed a budding business rivalry. Facebook gained the backing of Microsoft, who bought a stake in the website for \$240 million.

### B. Disappearing bees

Beekeepers and scientists were puzzled by, and continued to study, the problem of dwindling honeybees. Known as Colony Collapse Disorder, the phenomenon resulted in worker bees leaving hives for unknown reasons, causing the hives to die out.

### C. An expert hack

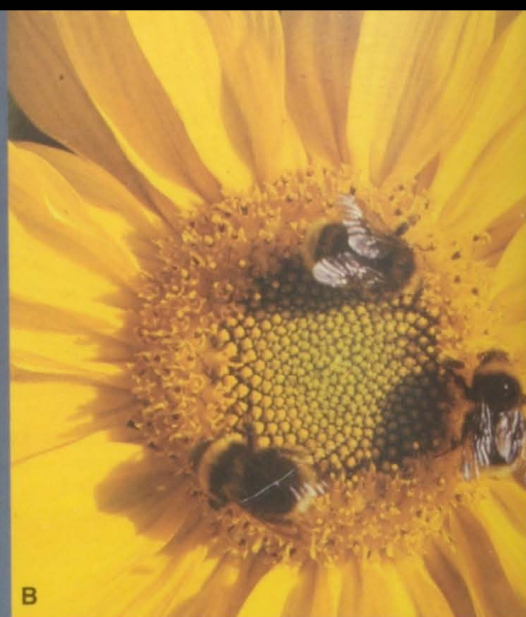
Apple released its latest innovation, the iPhone, and New Jersey teenager George Hotz took full advantage. Hotz hacked the software on his iPhone, allowing the phone to be used by other wireless service providers. He then traded the secrets for a new car.

### D. The green movement

With more people seeming to adopt the belief that issues such as global warming were a growing problem for the world, environmental causes suddenly became part of popular culture.



After several years of efforts, the bald eagle was officially removed from the Endangered Species List.



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TV shows, movies and ads were filled with "green" messages, and practices such as recycling continued to become more common both at home and work.

### E. New dino

Researchers in China unearthed the remains of a giant, bird-like dinosaur, which they believed to be a new species. Feathered, but unable to fly, the 26-foot long *Gigantoraptor erlianensis* lived some 85 million years ago. The discovery was a surprise, because previous theories pointed to bird-like dinosaurs typically being much smaller.

### F. The next generation

Digital Video Recorders, or DVRs, continued to gain popularity and slowly phase out VCRs as the home entertainment technology of choice. Able to record video digitally and store it in a computer hard drive, DVRs revolutionized the way many users watched TV with functions like pausing live TV, and eliminating the need for numerous video tapes.

### G. Stem cell breakthrough?

Teams of scientists in the U.S. and Japan claimed they were able to reprogram skin cells to act the same as embryonic stem cells, a possible advance that could revolutionize stem cell research because



Microsoft's Xbox 360 was the best-selling video gaming device.

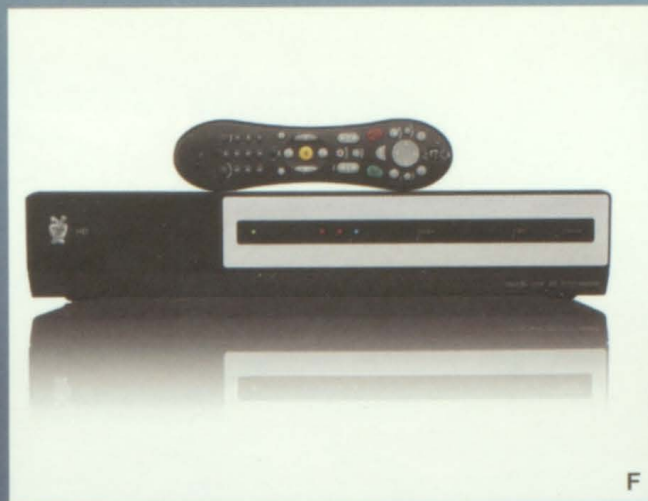


The FDA approved the first human vaccine against the bird flu.





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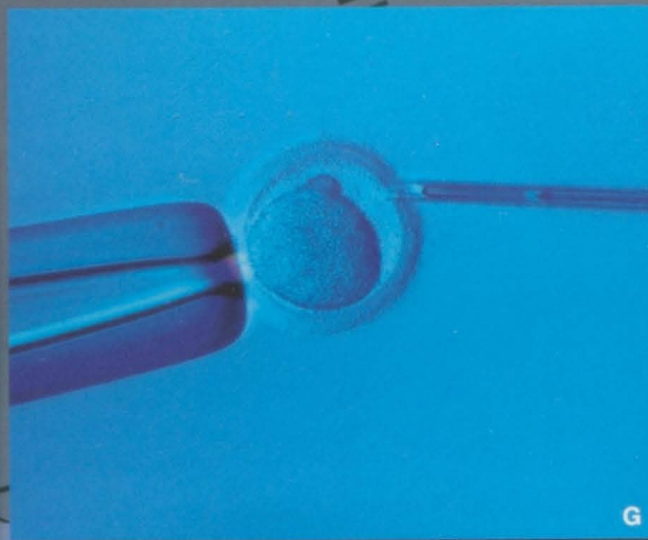
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It would allow the work to move forward with no embryos being created or destroyed in the process.

## H. One bright star

Astronomers announced that they were able to observe the largest and brightest exploding star, or supernova, ever witnessed. Roughly 100 to 200 times the size of the sun, the star was located 240 million light years away and was 100 times more energetic than the typical supernova.

## I. Pet scare

Widespread reports of kidney failure and deaths among pets led to a massive scare and pet food recall by several companies, after it was determined that the food was contaminated by bad vegetable proteins imported from China and used as ingredients.

## J. Race to the moon

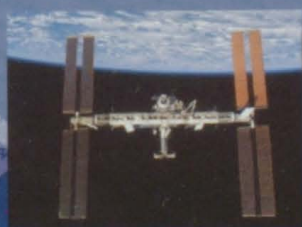
The X Prize Foundation started another new \$20 million private spaceflight contest, with the goal of landing a rover on the moon. Within a month of the contest being announced, five groups had said they would enter the contest, which was scheduled to take five years.

## CYBERBULLYING INCREASES

**Cyberbullying is the act of hurting someone using technology.**

- **43% of teens reported they had been victims.**
- **92% of the victims said they knew or figured out who the bully was.**
- **More girls than boys were victims.**
- **71% of teens believe the best prevention is for the victim to block the bully from communicating with them.**

National Crime Prevention Council survey



The International Space Station received its first new room since 2001.



A popular new trend saw parents purchasing web domain names for their small children.



Scientists discovered some 700 new species of water creatures in Antarctica.





### A. Feel-good tale does well

*Juno*, an indie comedy about a high school girl and her parents dealing with her unplanned pregnancy, became one of the surprise hits of the year. The movie earned raves from critics for its heartwarming story and sharp dialogue, and even earned Oscar nominations for Best Picture and Best Actress for lead character Ellen Page.

### B. Hollywood's main man

Johnny Depp proved he was still one of Hollywood's most bankable leading men. The final movie in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* trilogy starring Depp earned more than \$300 million at the box office, and later in the year Depp won raves for his lead role in *Sweeney Todd*.

### C. Shots never seen

*Planet Earth*, the award-winning documentary TV series produced by the Discovery Channel and the BBC, aired in America for the



first time. The programs, created to show the beauty and diversity of the planet, took more than five years to make and reportedly captured natural images on film that had never before been seen.

### D. Tough ticket

Miley Cyrus, aka Hannah Montana, was the headline act on one of the most popular concert tours of the year. Cyrus, whose *Hannah Montana* show was one of the highest rated on cable, toured with pop band The Jonas Brothers and tickets for the shows routinely sold out in minutes in each city, leading to a feeding frenzy among the pre-teen crowd.

### E. TV stalls out

The TV Writers Guild of America went on a three-month strike over a dispute with the TV studios regarding the sharing of profits from "new media" revenue sources, including the internet. With no new scripts coming in, many shows were forced off the air and into reruns, making viewers realize there were other entertainment options out there.



*Grey's Anatomy* was still one of the most watched shows on TV.



Will Smith won Choice Movie Actor at the Teen Choice Awards.



According to reviews, *Halo 3* was one of the most popular new video games.



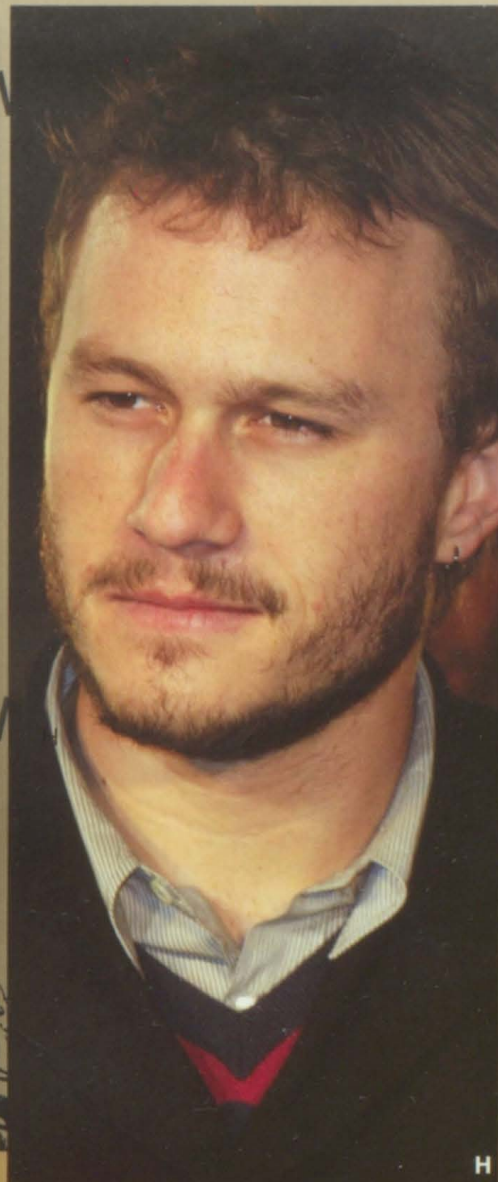
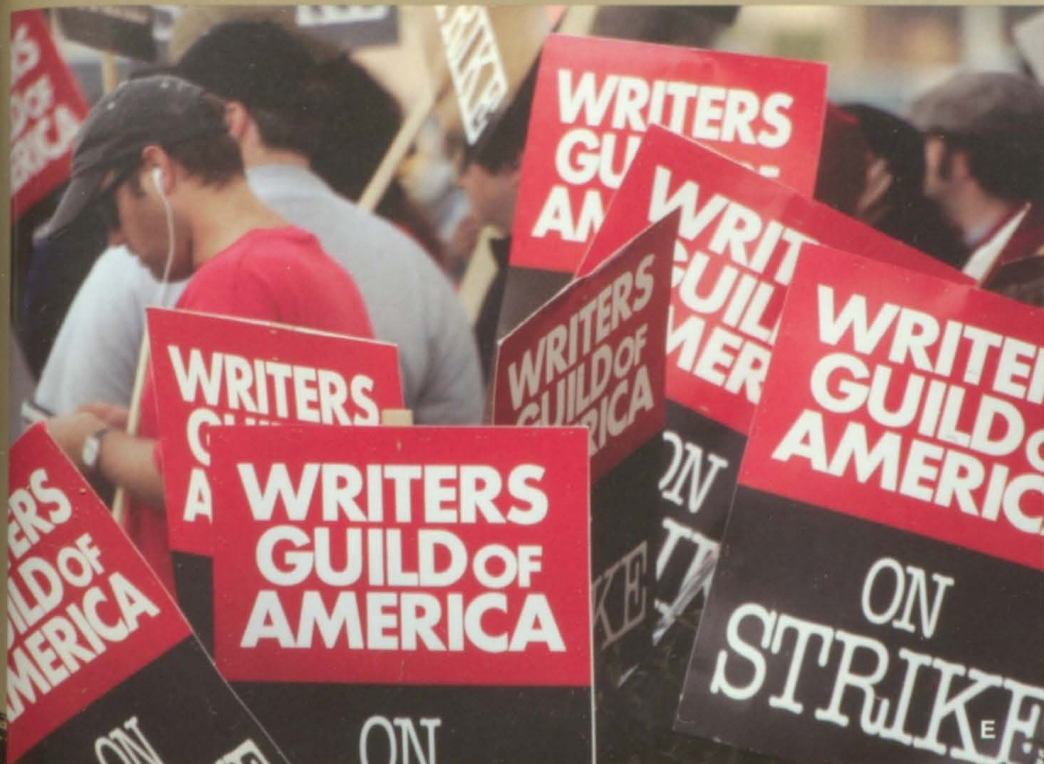


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## F. On to the big screen

After 19 successful seasons on TV, popular animated sitcom *The Simpsons* stepped up in the world by making its first movie. Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Maggie and company translated well, with *The Simpsons Movie* raking in more than \$180 million at the box office to become one of the comedy hits of the year.

## G. Time to dance

Disney continued building on its wildly successful *High School Musical* franchise. The sequel to the first movie, *High School Musical 2*, drew in 17.2 million viewers on its opening night airing on the Disney Channel, the most ever for a cable TV program.

## H. A shocking end

Fans were stunned when actor Heath Ledger was found dead in his New York City apartment. The star of hit movies such as *A Knight's Tale* and *The Patriot*, and Oscar-nominated for his role in *Brokeback Mountain*, Ledger was only 28 years old at the time of his death. An accidental overdose of prescription medication was found to be the cause.



Jordin Sparks won season six of *American Idol*, becoming the youngest winner at age 17.



This year's notable celebrity deaths included daredevil Evel Knievel, opera singer Luciano Pavarotti and author Norman Mailer.



Ratings indicated that popular new TV shows included *Samantha Who?* and *Chuck*.

## TOP FIVE MOVIES IN 2007

These movies made the most money in this order:

1. *Spider-Man 3*
2. *Shrek the Third*
3. *Transformers*
4. *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End*
5. *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

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### I. A fitting conclusion

The saga of boy wizard Harry Potter came to an end with the final book in the series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, being released by author J.K. Rowling to much fanfare and more than 11 million copies sold in the first 24 hours. As the books wrapped up, the movies continued. *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, the fifth film, became a huge hit at the box office.

### J. The end?

Critically acclaimed HBO mobster series *The Sopranos* aired its long-awaited final episode. The last scene of the show became a famous pop-culture moment when things ended abruptly mid-scene while Tony and the family were out to dinner. Millions of viewers were left wondering what happened.

### K. Funny man of the year

Comedian Seth Rogen probably couldn't have had a much better year, scoring two huge hits and becoming a star in the

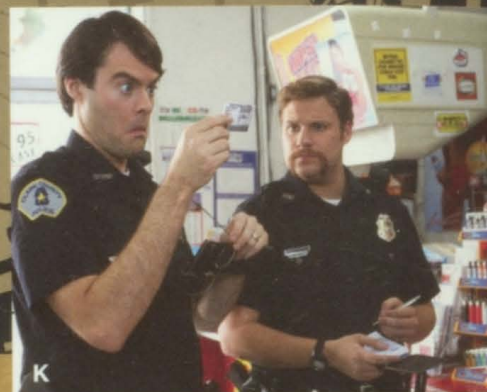
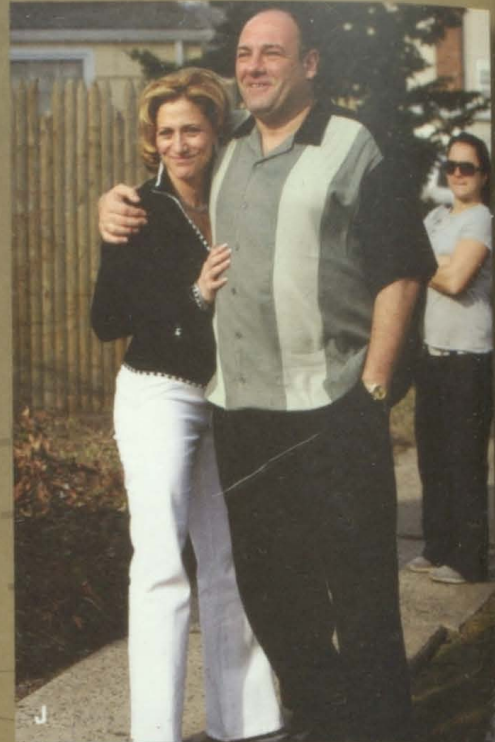
process. Rogen had starring roles, helped write and helped produce *Superbad* and *Knocked Up*, two of the highest grossing comedies of the year.

### L. Star in the making

Young actor Shia LaBeouf showed he might have a chance to be one of the next big stars after a year in which he starred in one of the year's blockbuster action hits, *Transformers*, and then landed the starring role in the next long-awaited sequel being made in the Indiana Jones series of movies.

### M. An Emmy surprise

*30 Rock* was the surprise winner of Outstanding Comedy Series at the annual Emmy Awards. The critically adored sitcom about a sitcom was a first-time winner, as opposed to HBO's *The Sopranos*, which won Outstanding Drama Series in its final season. A new nominating process for this year's Emmys led to 33 first-time nominees and what was widely considered to be a fresh perspective on the show.



Carrie Underwood won Female Vocalist of the Year and Single of the Year at the CMA Awards.



Will Ferrell continued his string of hit movies with *Blades of Glory* and *Semi-Pro*.



Computer animation and live action mixture movie *300* was a sleeper hit.





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## N. Rise to fame

British singer Amy Winehouse became a celebrity in America when her second album, "Back to Black," was one of the best selling records of the year and won her five Grammy awards. Unfortunately, her wild personal life and legal troubles also made her fodder for tabloid headlines.

## O. Quite a show

The 2007 MTV Music Video Awards were held in Las Vegas for the first time, and turned into a wild night. There were several stages with multiple performances going at once. Justin Timberlake ended up being the night's big winner, taking home four awards, including Male Artist of the Year.

## P. Rough comeback

It was a tough year for pop queen Britney Spears. She entered rehab for substance abuse, and then lost a custody battle for her children with ex-husband Kevin Federline. Her first new album in two years, "Blackout," had mixed success. She then ended the year with a listless live performance at the MTV Awards that was widely panned by fans and critics.

## LET IM DO THE TALKING

- Nearly half of all teens use instant messaging. Of those, 43% use instant messaging to say things they would not say in person.
- 22% Use it to ask people out or accept a date.
- 13% Use it to break up.

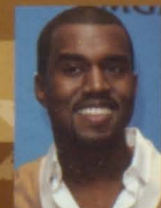
Associated Press/AOL poll



Daughtry won three times at the American Music Awards, including for Favorite Pop/Rock Album.



Rihanna set a record for digital downloads in one week for her single "Umbrella."



Kanye West had more Grammy nominations than any other musical artist with eight.

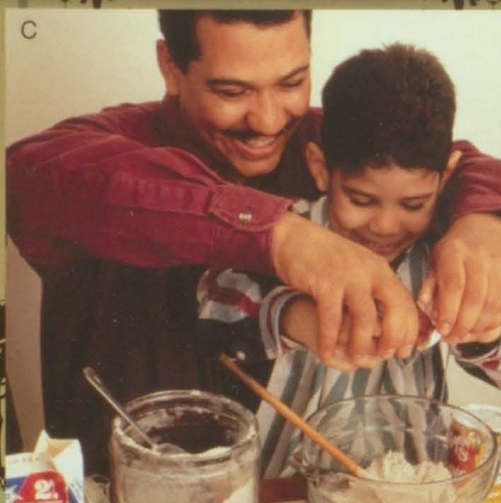




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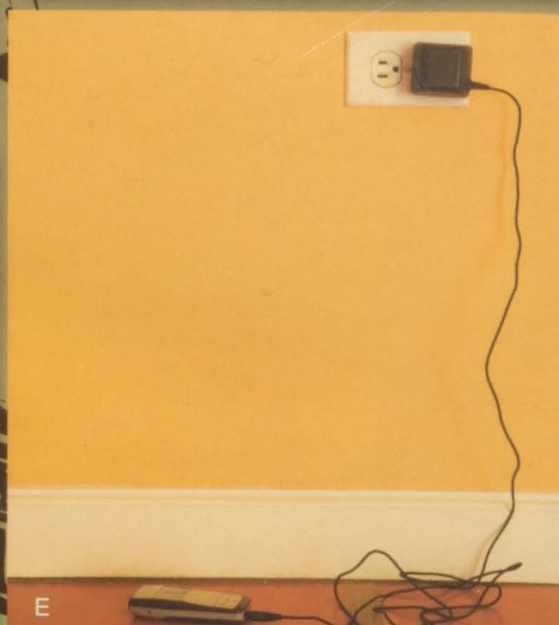
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### A. Pants on fire

While 71% of teens said they are prepared to make ethical decisions when they enter the work force, 38% of those teens say sometimes it is OK to cheat, lie or act violently to succeed, according to a Junior Achievement/Deloitte Teen Ethics Survey. Of the teens who think plagiarism is acceptable on some level, 37% said a desire to succeed justifies their actions.

### B. Lookin' good

Tent dresses appeared on the scene, first as light, summery items, then long-sleeved for the winter, to be paired with ankle boots and bright tights. For the guys who liked stylin' head gear, fedoras and wool caps were available.

### C. Guess who's in the kitchen

Toy kitchens were becoming more prevalent for boys. Television shows on the Food Network such as *Iron Chef*, *Boy Meets Grill* with Bobby Flay and *Emeril Live with Emeril Lagasse*, have made playtime in the kitchen – real or toy – more acceptable to American males.

### D. Stopping saggy pants

Some cities are trying to stop the men's fashion of wearing baggy pants below the hips. Fines were being proposed for those in Atlanta

and Trenton, N.J., caught with their pants down. In Delcambre, La., the ordinance banning the exposure of underwear carries a fine of up to \$500 or six months in jail.

### E. Vampires strike

Americans are unknowingly using more electricity. Cell phone charging, computers in stand-by mode, electric toothbrushes, clocks on microwaves and DVD players, and rechargeable tools all suck up electricity when not actually being used by a person. Estimates show 5% of electricity use in the U.S. is from standby power, or vampire electronics, and that could reach 20% by 2010.

## HITTING THE BOOKS

- 60% of preschool children ages 3-5 were read to daily by a family member in 2005, up 53% from 1993.
- Book sales for U.S. teens increased 20% between 1999 and 2005.
- 25% of U.S. adults did not read a book in 2006.

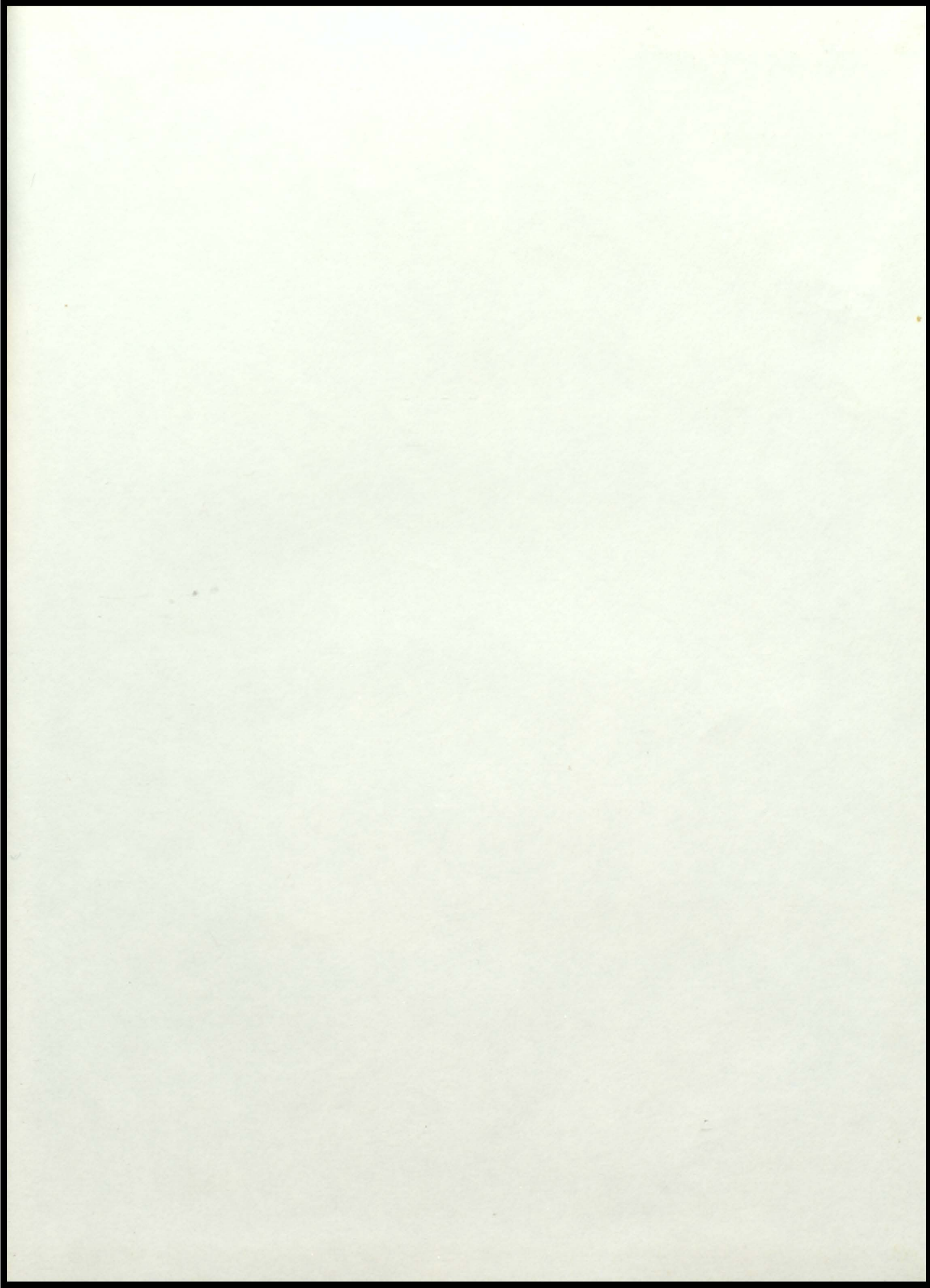
National Center for Health Statistics, Best Books for Young Adults 3rd edition, Associated Press/Ipsos poll



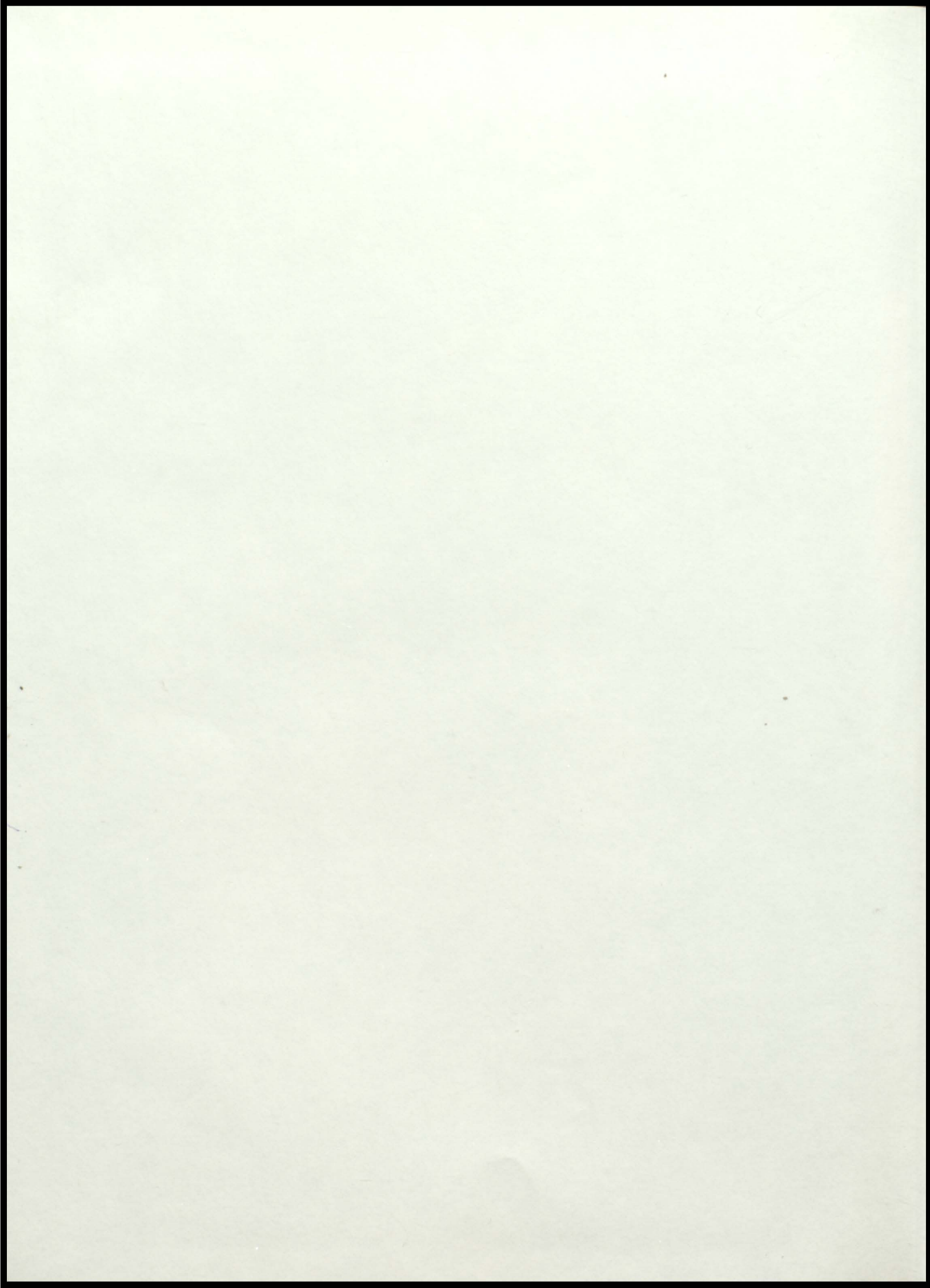
California banned teens ages 17 and under from using their cell phones while driving.

More teens are graduating from high school – 88% in 2005, compared with 84% in 1980.

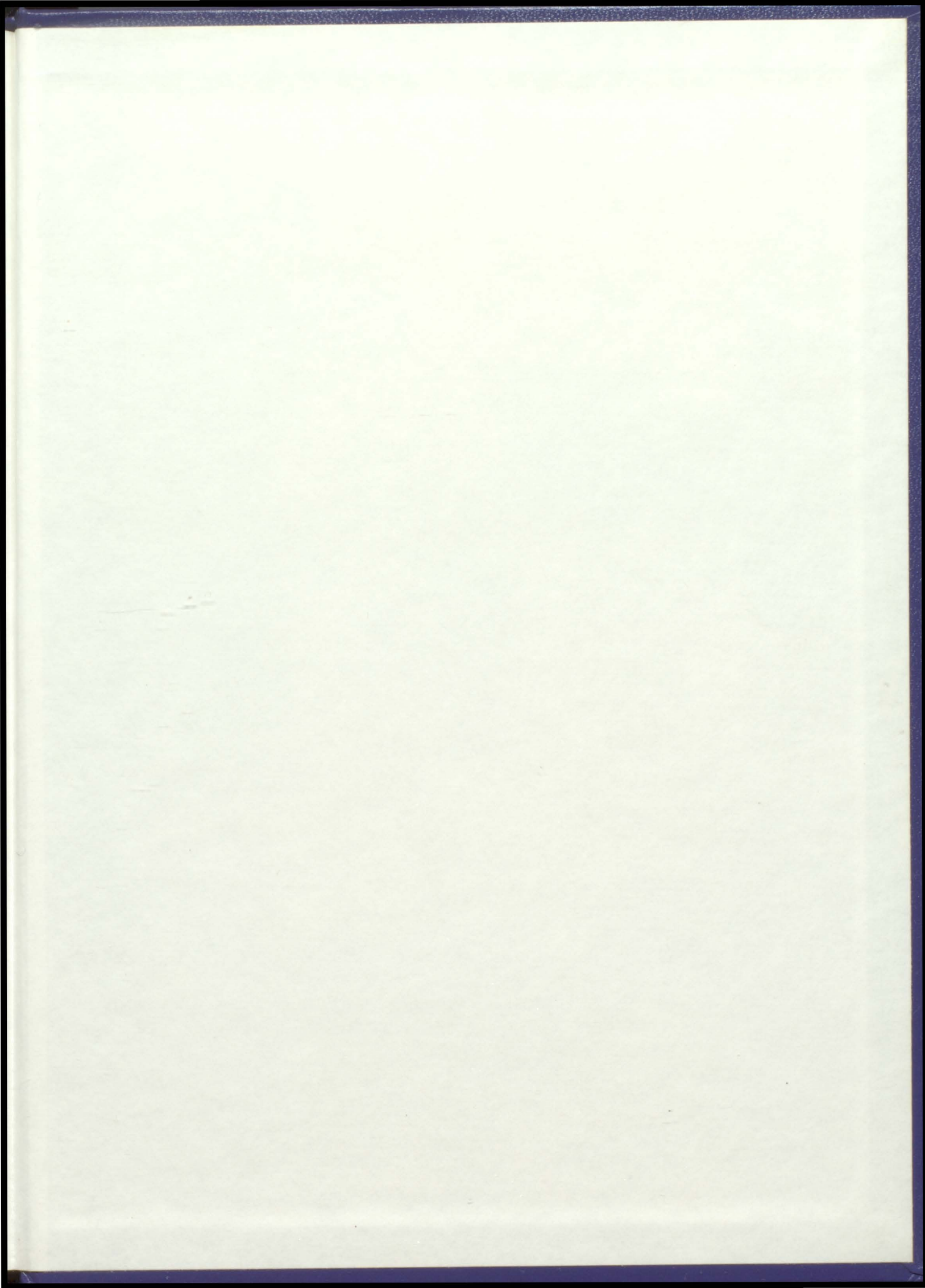














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